

Factors to get your prayer of faith answered regularly.

This is not a tutorial. Only the key Bible verses are listed. You may need to look up the context, the surrounding verses, to get the full message/meaning. The verses here are in the King James translation. Here is a popular Internet Bible with many translations and languages: www.biblegateway.com . You may find translations such as NIV and AMP easier to understand. The Bible verses are in Courier New 11 font, and the clarifications that I inserted into a Bible verse are inside parentheses in italics. If you want more precise translation, go to www.blueletterbible.org, choose the King James Version (KJV), input the book and chapter, and turn on the Strong word option. The returned web page will show Bible verses as well as each word's Strong number, its meaning, and cross references.

Receiving healing from God does not mean refusing medical care. You should receive medical care because God wants you healthy. But you should also use the following Bible reasons to pray the prayer of faith (James 5:15) to receive healing from God.

“God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.” John Wesley

This famous John Wesley quote begs the question of what should we believe in our prayer of faith to make it a “believing prayer”? (James 5:15 and Mark 11:24) The following Bible passages are what we should believe when we pray that God heals our body:

The Bible says in James 5:15 (below) that “the prayer of faith shall save the sick.” So, let us figure out how this prayer of faith works.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of **faith** shall **save the sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

1. The first thing to know is that we should pray/speak in line with God's Word.

If we pray or act contrary to God's Word, we provoke God and God does not respond positively. [See the “HowNotReceiveFromGod.doc” study for Bible examples of this] Study the Bible and you will see that this principle is true. Therefore, speak in line with God's Word when you pray the “prayer of faith.” This is an important Bible principle. This is especially important when the circumstances you face contradict God's Word. Speak in agreement with God's Word and not in agreement with the contradictory world circumstances. For example: let's say you are sick. James 5:15, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:17, Acts 10:38, Luke 4:18, Luke 13:12, 13:16, Galatians 3:7, 3:29, and Mark 16:17-18 say God provides healing for your body. Your sickness contradicts God's will for you. So you pray/speak in line with God's Word for you that God heals you now (do this as many times as necessary until you are healed):

Father God, your word in James 5:15 says that my prayer of faith shall make my body whole, and your word in Matthew 8:17 says that Lord Jesus has taken my infirmities and bare my sicknesses, and your word in 1 Peter 2:24 says that by the stripes on Jesus I am healed. So I say, in the mighty name of Jesus, that you make my body whole now and your healing anointing continues to heal my body all day and all night. Thank you for healing me. (John 15:16, John 16:23-24)

Below are some supports for this principle:

Numbers 14:28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, **as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:**

Numbers 14:28 (above) says that God will do to us what we say in general or say in prayer. If you study the situation surrounding Numbers 14:28, you will see that those who disagreed with God's Word provoked God and only those who agreed with God's Word obtained God's promise of the Promised Land. This and other Bible examples teach us to know and to agree, in word and action, with what God says. More specifically, when you pray, tell God which part of His Word you are counting on. Jesus taught us/disciples to do this in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). The Lord's Prayer consists of all Mark 11:23 statements that affirm God's will. More specifically, "give us this day our daily bread," "forgive us our debts," "lead us not into temptation," and "deliver us from evil" are all Mark 11:23 statements of God's will to change the world to conform to God's will. Speaking these clauses implements God's will to provide us sustenance, forgiveness, and protection. God's will is determined from God's Word.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall **my word** be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it **shall not return unto me void** (*empty, without effect*), but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The second is Isaiah 55:8-11 (above). Verses 55:8-9 say that God's ways are not our ways. Therefore, instead of assuming God behaves like we do, we should pay attention to God's Word which tells us God's ways. Do not assume God behaves like we do. Learn from the Bible instead. Verses 10-11 say that God sent His Word to us (regarding each specified topic such as healing for us, provision for us, protection for us, etc.) to prosper us. How? Verse 11 says that God's Word will be effective when we return it to God. How? God's Word will prosper us when we return (or affirm/agree with) God's Word to God in our prayer of faith.

Joshua 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law (*God's Word*), which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

8 This **book of the law** (*God's Word*) **shall not depart** (*to be removed*) **out of thy mouth;** but **thou shalt meditate** (*think on, mutter, speak*) **therein day and night,**

that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:7-8 (above) illustrates this principle. Joshua was a young, unexperienced leader. Joshua 1:7-8 was how God taught Joshua to become a successful leader: by doing Isaiah 55:11 (above). God told Joshua to think on, mull, and speak God's Word day and night and to do what God's Word says. And then Joshua will have good success. God coached Joshua to execute the Isaiah 55:11 principle. God taught Joshua to do "faith." God provided the tool for success: Isaiah 55:11. But it was up to Joshua to use this tool to obtain God's promise that God's Word "shall not return to me void (*empty, without effect*)."

Jeremiah 1:12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for **I am watching over My word to perform it.**" (New American Standard, 1995)

The third is Jeremiah 1:12 (above), which is a repeat of Isaiah 55:11. Here God says that God is looking for people who expect God's Word/promise to be true and then God will perform His Word/promise to change the world to match His promise. An example of this is in Mark 16:20, "...the Lord... confirming the Word with signs following." This is why in your prayer of faith you always quote God's Word/promise first and then say that you agree with God's Word. It is because of these 3 foundation verses above and this quote from Mark 16:20: God confirms your agreement with His Word with signs following your agreeing with His Word.

Now we know why John Wesley spoke that quote at the beginning of this study.

1 John 5:14 (below) suggests that we should know God's Word. It says that God hears us if we ask (call for, require, G154) according to his will. If we ask according to what the Bible says, then we are assured that we are asking according to God's will.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we **ask** (*call for, require, G154*) any thing **according to his will**, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we **ask** (*call for, require, G154*), we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The studies "God wants us healed.doc" and "Mark_11_23_reasons.ppt" list many Bible passages that show that God wants us, Christians and non-Christians, healed. "God wants us healed.doc" also lists God's position on many basic issues. Study/meditate on them and the Bible passages around them so that you know, in your heart, God's will on basic issues.

The study "How Not Receive From God.doc" lists Bible episodes where people failed to receive from God because they did not believe in/act in agreement with God's Word.

2. The next thing to know is what is "faith?"

Jesus said in Mark 5:34, Luke 17:19, Mark 10:52, Matthew 15:28, Matthew 8:10, 8:13, Matthew 9:29, and Luke 7:50 that their "faith" got them their miracles. We want to know what Jesus means by "faith," because we want to do the same to obtain the same miracles. After all, "the prayer of faith shall save the sick" in James 5:15 says "faith" is the driver. "Faith" is the thing that results in miracles (Hebrews 11:1). See the study "What Jesus Means By Faith.doc" for a Bible dissection of what Jesus means by "faith."

3. After learning what “faith” is, we need to know how to get “faith” and how to strengthen our “faith.”

Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by **the word of God**.

Romans 10:17 (above) is the key to obtaining faith and Bible miracles: lots of exposure to God’s Word and then put God’s Word in your heart. Notice this is open-ended. Hearing/reading/meditating on God’s Word once or twice is probably not enough. [To grow “faith” to receive healing miracles, go over and over the Bible verses/episodes in these studies.] We are responsible for the growth of our faith. Learning God’s Word and putting it in our heart is just like learning our trade or going to college to learn our professional specialty. Learning God’s Word steadily and regularly will build our capacity for this “faith” that Jesus speaks of. It is just like mastering our profession. Jesus, of course, knows God’s Word very, very well and lives by God’s Word. Focus on the faith and healing portion of God’s Word to strengthen your faith for healing so that you receive healing quicker. This is a life-long process. Do not skimp on doing Romans 10:17. The result Romans 10:17 strives for is “my words abide (*live*) in you” in John 15:7 (below).

John 15:7 If ye abide (*live*) in me, and my words abide (*live*) in you, ye shall ask (call for, require, G154) what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7 (above) says that if God’s Word lives in us, then we will ask (*call for, require, G154*) according to God’s will (*God’s Word*) and God will hear us and we will have the petition we desired of God.

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15 And if we **know** that he hear us, whatsoever we ask (*call for, require, G154*), we **know** that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14 (above) shows us the importance of speaking in agreement with God’s Word: God hears us because we ask in line with God’s will. This verse is consistent with obtaining and building up our faith.

Proverb 4:20 My son, **attend to my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20-22 (above) is an elaboration of Romans 10:17. The interesting thing here are the phrases, “Let them not depart from thine eyes” and “keep them in the midst of thine heart.”

Compare these phrases to Romans 10:17, Mark 11:22-24, and Joshua 1:8. We should know God’s Word and keep God’s Word in our heart. It is our responsibility to do so. Proverb 4:20-22 says that the process of building up our capacity for faith will heal our body. This process is open-ended. More is better. In the enclosed testimony (“Healing of Alzheimer’s Disease – No Limit to What God Can Do!”) the daughter played a cassette tape of spoken healing verses all day long for her mom. Her mom’s Alzheimer’s condition gradually improved over 6 months to 1 year until it was gone.

[Kenneth Hagin reads God’s healing Word to you in his “Healing Scriptures” CD. His “Healing Scriptures” book lets you read healing verses easily. They let you do Proverbs 4:20-22 and Romans 10:17 easily, especially when sick. If sick, then you need to boost Romans 10:17 by listening to the “Healing Scriptures” CD in between speaking healing words for yourself. Listening does not exhaust you while boosting your healing and

faith. This increases the effectiveness of your Mark 11:23 healing statements. Do these healing activities as much as possible. Think of this as taking medicine or doing physical therapy. This is how Dr. Melvin Korkor got healed from Ebola while 9 others died: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/national/2014/10/04/how-ebola-sped-out-of-control/> Find this article by Googling these key words: “washingtonpost.com out of control how the world’s health organizations failed to stop the Ebola disaster Oct 4 2014 Melvin Korkor.” Links to “Healing Scriptures”: <http://www.rhema.org/store/healing-scriptures-cd.html>
<http://www.rhema.org/store/downloadable/faith-library/healing-scriptures.html>
<http://www.rhema.org/store/healing-scriptures-book.html>

You can browse other healing materials here: <http://www.rhema.org/store/topics/healing.html>]

[My recollection of the last time Pastor Mike Webb (on a Sunday morning service) called the sick to the front to receive laying on of hand to receive healing: there were three rows of folks seeking healing. I estimate more than 60 church folks seeking additional healing by laying on of hand/prayer. This tells me that just absorbing the teachings of the Sunday morning service, the Sunday evening healing school service, and the Wednesday evening service is not enough. Data tells me that we also need to study and meditate on God’s Word ourselves to reliably receive a miracle quickly. This is most important.]

Pastor Mike Webb of the Foothill Family Church at Foothill Ranch, CA keeps his Sunday Morning and Sunday evening Healing School teachings on the church website: <https://www.foothillfamily.com/> Go there and click on the “Services” or “Our Services” buttons and then click on the “Sunday Morning” or “Healing School” selections. His “Healing School” teaching services are similar to the Rhema Healing School: https://rhema.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2003&Itemid=661 They build your faith and provide a measure of healing for you. But you need to listen to them a lot/often to benefit.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law (*God’s Word*) shall not depart (*to be removed*) out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate (*think on, mutter, utter*) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (above) is a thumbnail description of “faith.” It agrees with all the verses above. It is open-ended: more Word is better. Compare it with Romans 10:17. God instructed Joshua on how to obtain, build up, and execute “faith” so that Joshua can succeed supernaturally. We should do the same.

Before leaving this section, let me say again: the most important factor to receiving miracles from God is to know God’s Word and to regularly meditate on God’s Word. Do Romans 10:17 regularly to build up your faith before your needs arise. If you want to win the gold medal, you need to train first. Build yourself up before the crisis hits. Jesus was debating rabbis at age 13. We need to catch up.

If healing is what you need, then learn and meditate on God’s faith and healing words and Bible healing episodes. If job/sustenance are what you need, do Proverbs 10:4 (below) and then meditate on/speak in agreement with Philipians 4:19, Matthew 6:11, Romans 8:14, Isaiah 30:21, and other Bible episodes where people’s needs were met. You do have to look for a job, do your current job well and look for ways to expand your job skills. God blesses what you set your hands on. Manna stopped when the Israelites entered the Promised Land. God wants diligent workers, not lazy people.

Proverbs 10:4 . . . but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

If you know a faith challenge is coming up, or if it has a deadline or may impact on others, then do Romans 10:17 early and in a controlled/planned manner. It is just like getting ready for a competition. The smart
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person prepares early and prepares well. Focus on the portion of God's Word that speaks to your challenge. You want to aggregate/combine enough faith to blast through the challenge. "Fight the good fight of faith." (1 Timothy 6:12) Faith goals that impact on other people may require more time because God needs to properly and fairly resolve possible impact on other people. Do Mark 11:23s early and often.

4. How to execute the "prayer of faith."

Prayer is talking to God. God knows what we are doing. Any time we address God, we are praying to God. "Prayer of faith" is addressing God with "faith." The three points in section 1 above tell us that the "prayer of faith" is speaking in agreement with God's promises in the Bible. In other words, speak in agreement with God's Word. When we do this, speak God's promise first and then say that we agree with it. Then add 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. See the study, "How the Name of Jesus Works.doc".

["Faith" can be exercised without prayer (Mark 11:23 only). See many Jesus examples of such in the Bible.]

[The studies, "God Family Use Mark_11_23.doc," "How the Name of Jesus Works.doc," "dChenEarlyLog.doc," "momStroke.doc," "Jesus Church Parallels.doc," "Korkor Ebola Healing.doc," "Mark_11_23_reasons.doc," "PrayerMatthewStephen.doc," and "Uncle Mike Aunt June Letter.doc," provide more help.]

 Example of a short prayer I use to receive healing for myself:

Lord Jesus, you have taken my infirmities and bare my sicknesses (Matthew 8:17) and by your stripes I was healed and therefore I am healed (1 Peter 2:24). Psalm 103:3 says that you heal me of all my diseases. I say God's word is true. I say you have made me whole (restored to health). Lord Jesus, you make my [left knee] whole. You make my [knee cartilage] whole. In Jesus' name, my [left knee] is made entirely whole. Thank you, Jesus, you make me whole from the top of my head to the bottoms of my feet (John 14:13-14).

 [I used the above passage because it is short, quick, and easier to do 1 Thessalonians 5:17.]

[My left knee was unresponsive and only gradually got well after I started to speak the above passage very frequently (every time I was free) for about 2 weeks or so. It was a long time ago, so my memory is a bit hazy. From my log, "dChenEarlyLog.doc," I see that I started to speak healing verse at my left knee in April 94. My knee improved, but it was not until around May 95 (after I got frustrated and started to speak healing as often as possible for about 2 weeks) that my knee improved such that I could jog on it regularly. I was a Bible novice and young in my faith growth. I was experimenting by myself, armed only with Kenneth Hagin tapes and my Bible. But I did a lot of Romans 10:17 (searched the Bible) during that year I was trying to get my left knee whole. And I did not know about 1 Thessalonians 5:17. As I continued to research the Bible and experiment with healing, I noticed that healing came faster, especially when I increased the frequency of speaking healing verses at the sickness. This reflects Romans 10:17 (search/meditate God's Word) and 1 Thessalonians 5:17 in action. Eventually, I found this boring. So, I shifted to mostly asking the Holy Spirit to help me by giving me the right words to pray for [this sick person] to be healed of [this sickness]. This is an easy way to pile up a lot of praying time because I can pray in tongue while driving to work, washing dishes, walking, or watching a game. I found that the longer and more frequently I prayed in tongue (after asking the Holy Spirit to give me the right healing words to pray), the faster healing came.

For example, I found that it takes about 4 hours of praying in tongue to get my son's condition to stop getting worse. Then it takes roughly another 4 hours of praying in tongue (after asking the Holy Spirit to give me the right words to pray) to reverse the condition.

When my dad had blood in his urine and then his urine stopped flowing, I prayed all through the night (probably more than 8 hours) in tongue before his urine flowed again and was clear, without blood in his urine.

Once Terry Mize continuously spoke 3 healing phrases to a dead girl for 12 hours, and then she revived.

Mom's stroke: Prayed about 3 hours per day in tongue (after asking the Holy Spirit for help to give me the right words to pray for mom to be healed) for 60 days, except for 1 day of rest from praying. The neurosurgeon told us that brain seizure was the enemy during Mom's recovery. A seizure might even kill Mom. The morning after my rest from praying was when mom had a seizure that was so bad that a pacemaker was immediately installed in Mom. Dr. George Holmes later told me to pay attention to 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Dr. Kent Brantley, the first American Ebola-infected missionary doctor to be flown to the Atlanta hospital. Prayed in tongue for about 5 hours per day for about 2 weeks before he was healed.]

Don't panic. Can share the load by asking others to pray on this issue with you (aggregate/combine faith).

See the study, "What If It Does Not Work.doc," for more examples of how long it took for answers to fully manifest.

[The above observation does not mean we always have to speak many, many times to get the healing. Some people speak once or only a few times to get healing to manifest. But, they usually do a lot of Romans 10:17 (regularly read/study the Bible). As you continue to do Romans 10:17 regularly, faith grows and miracles come faster.]

Example prayer I used to receive healing for myself:

Father God, In the mighty name of Jesus (John 16:23, Philippians 2:9-10) I come boldly before your throne of grace that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Your word in Matthew 8:17 says that Lord Jesus has taken our infirmities and bare our sicknesses and Your word in 1 Peter 2:24 says that by the stripes on Jesus we were healed and therefore I am healed.

I say that your word is true. I thank you Father God and Lord Jesus for healing me now (John 14:13-14, John 15:16, John 16:23-24). I thank you that healing anointing flows through my body now and drives out all sickness and infirmities from my body and makes me whole from the top of my head to the bottoms of my feet. Thank you for healing me.

In the name of Jesus I am healed. Amen.

Example prayer I used to receive healing for others:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the authority of your name, and in John 14:13-14, you said that whatever I ask of you in your name you shall do it. Matthew 8:17 says that you have taken our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. You healed all who came to you in faith to receive healing; you healed the Centurion's servant at the Centurion's faithful request; you freed the Syrophenecian woman's daughter at the woman's faithful request; you healed and raised up Jairus' daughter at Jairus' faithful request. And because neither God nor You change, I stand in the gap to receive healing from You for [sick person]. I say, in the name of Jesus, in Your authority, Lord Jesus, I say [sick person] is made whole and is healed now. I say healing anointing flows through and dwells in [sick person]'s body and makes [sick person] whole, make his [body part] whole. Thank You Lord Jesus for making [sick person] whole because I have, in Your name, called upon You to do it. And I thank You for healing [sick person] because John 14:13-14 say that You would.

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Your word in Matthew 8:17 says that Lord Jesus has taken our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. And Your word in 1 Peter 2:24 says that by the stripes on Jesus we were healed. Jesus also healed all who came in faith to receive healing from Him, even when an intercessor came on behalf of someone else. When the Centurion came to Jesus to receive healing for his servant, Jesus healed his servant (Matthew 8:5-13). When the Syrophenecian woman came to Lord Jesus to receive healing for her daughter, Lord Jesus healed her daughter (Mark 7:25-30, Matthew 15:22-28). When Jairus came to Lord Jesus to receive healing for his daughter, Lord Jesus raised up and healed his daughter (Luke 8:41-55).

Therefore I know it is Your will that [the sick person] be healed and that You heal [the sick person] now because I come to you in faith to receive healing for him. Thank you Father God for making [the sick person] whole from the top of his head to the bottoms of his feet. In the name of Jesus, healing anointing flows through [sick person]'s body and make him whole now. Thank You Father God for honoring Your word. Amen.

Example of a short prayer I use to receive healing for others:

In the mighty name of Jesus (Philippians 2:9-10), healing anointing drives out all sicknesses and infirmities from [the sick person]'s body and heals, mends, regenerates, and restores [the sick person]'s body and makes [the sick person] whole. Thank you, Jesus, for making [the sick person's ailment/body] whole (John 14:12-14).

[Now say the above 50-200 times a day. (remember: (1) James 5:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, and Mark 11:22-24, (2) a bunch of Christians prayed many hours to spring Peter out of jail (Acts 12:3-12)). Say more, without burning yourself out, is better.

Do what Paul did in Ephesians 1:16-23 and Colossians 1:9-11 where Paul prayed endlessly Mark 11:23 statements (that are in God's will) for the church. If it was not necessary to pray the prayer of faith endlessly, would Paul do so? Paul was doing James 5:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, and Mark 11:24.

Do what Jesus did in Mark 8:22-25 where Jesus continued to apply “faith” until healing fully manifested. Jesus also used natural means to check for the progress after each application of “faith.”

Do what Elijah did when Elijah prayed that rain restarts. Elijah sent his servant to check for progress even as Elijah continued to pray. (1 Kings 18:41-45) Elijah prayed until he got his answer. Elijah did as Paul and Jesus did.

Do what Moses, Aaron, and Hur did: kept Moses’ rod raised through the entire battle (Exodus 4:17, 17:11-13).

Do what Jesus taught in the Lord’s Prayer where Jesus speaks in agreement with God’s Will. Combine James 5:15 with 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. Do repetitive, high-frequency, high-density faith.

[At the end of Hagin’s “Healing Scriptures” CD and book, Hagin teaches you to continuously (all day, all night, as much as possible) say that God’s healing promises are for you and that you are being healed right now. This is high-frequency, high-density “faith” to receive healing. I struggled with receiving healing for my left knee for about one whole year until I started doing this for about 2 weeks. Then my bad left knee got well enough that I could jog regularly. This works for Grace and Susan too.]

5. Know that God/Jesus gives the body of Christ/church power and authority to undo the devil’s work.

Your prayer of faith will be stronger if you know that Jesus worked hard to deliver power and authority to the body of Christ to undo the work of the devil and to implement God’s Word on earth. The study, “How the Name of Jesus Works.doc,” shows this in detail. Because you, as a Christian, are a member of the body of Christ and because Jesus sent you to do the work Jesus did, when you speak, in Jesus’ name, a Mark 11:23 statement that is in line with God’s Word, your command to the world is backed by Jesus’ authority. Your Mark 11:23 statements work a lot more effectively when you believe and act on this because you know it is from God’s Word. Mark 5:28-30 shows that **power** responds to your Mark 11:23 statement because you speak in line with God’s will/Word and because you believe that God/Jesus gave you (the body of Christ) power and authority to do this work that Jesus gave you to do (1 John 3:8, John 14:12).

By the way, if you are a Christian, you were saved because of what Jesus did and because you exercised the authority God gave you to receive your salvation. John 1:23 (Amplified) But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God . . . Note the similarity between Romans 10:9-10 and Mark 11:23. Only you have the authority to choose to join God’s family.

6. Positive things to remember that will help your faith.

6A. If you are a Christian, you are God’s child. If you did Romans 10:9, then you are a child of God (Galatians 3:26) and Jesus’ brother/sister (Hebrews 2:11, Romans 8:29). You should now be in heaven with your family, if it weren’t for your job to share this good news and to undo the devil’s work (1 John 3:8, John 14:12). [When God rings the bell and says time is up, then our job here is done and we should be pulled out of here to join God’s family. This is commonly called “rapture.”] Because you are now part of God’s family, heaven responds when you speak in line with God’s Word. Angels protect you from harm (Psalm 91:10-13) now, if you believe God’s Word that God protects you and if you speak in agreement with it (Psalm 91:10-13) to sign up for this protection.

6B. If you are a Christian, you are now a member of the body of Christ. “Christ” means the anointed one. Acts 10:38 tells us that God put the Spirit of God (& power) on Jesus. Jesus then delivered the Spirit of God (& power) to the church at Pentecost (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4). Therefore, the church is anointed with the Spirit of God just as Jesus was and is to do the same work Jesus did. Moreover, you, as a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27, Romans 12:5), are seated now together with Jesus at God’s right hand (the authority side) (Ephesians 1:18-23, Ephesians 2:5-6) far above devils and anything in this world. The head (Jesus) sent the body to do work. Jesus also gave the church all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:17-18) to do this work. This is what Mark 11:23 is about. You invoke, in line with God’s Word, Jesus’ name and Jesus responds (John 14:13-14). You invoke, in line with God’s Word, Jesus’ name and God responds (John 15:16). Question is: Do you know God’s Word? Do you believe God’s Word? Do you act on God’s Word even when the world circumstances are contrary to God’s Word? (Mark 11:23, Luke 10:17-19, John 14:13-14, John 15:16)

6C. If you are a Christian, the Spirit of God is your helper, and you can ask the Spirit of God to give you the right words to pray God’s will about any issue/situation. First, ask the Spirit of God to give you the words to pray about a specific issue such that God’s will be done for this issue. Then you speak in tongue and trust God’s Word that the Holy Ghost is your helper and gives you words to pray such that God’s will be done for this issue/situation. And then your issue gets resolved. Praying longer in tongue works better. I learned this from Kenneth Hagin in a Tulsa camp meeting. I’ve been doing it for 22 years. I like it the best. How I do this is in the study “What If It Does Not Work.doc.” I pray in tongue thusly a long time (in a single session or in multiple sessions or until the answer manifests). Even though this is what I do the most, learning/meditating on/speaking God’s Word is still important.

John 14:26 (Amplified Bible) But the Comforter (Counselor, **Helper**, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), **the Holy Spirit**, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

6D. God gives his workers supernatural tools to succeed. God puts the Spirit of God on Moses, the prophets, Saul, David, Jesus, and the church when God gives them work to do. Numbers 11:17 (below) shows that when God spread Moses’ work to subordinates, God also put the Spirit that was on Moses on these subordinates.

Numbers 11:17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the **spirit which is upon thee**, and will **put it upon them**; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

God put the Spirit of God on Saul: 1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 10:9, 1 Samuel 11:6. God put the Spirit of God on David: 1 Samuel 16:13. God put the Spirit of God on Jesus when Jesus started to do work: Matthew 3:16. God filled John the Baptist with the Holy Ghost when John was still inside his mother’s womb: Luke 1:15. John the Baptist was sent to work. So God equipped him with the Holy Ghost (and power, Acts 10:38) to do work.

Jesus/God put the Spirit of God (and power) on the church/body of Christ and told the church to wait for this tool before going forth to do work (to undo the work of the devil, 1 John 3:8, John 14:12): Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 10:38.

6E. Prayer of “faith” is not petitioning God and then God decides whether or not to grant your petition. Prayer of “faith” is exercising your authority to enforce an outcome that agrees with God’s Word/will. “Faith” changes the world condition from being contrary to God’s Word/will to conforming to God’s Word/will. For example, you are sick, contrary to God’s will. “Faith” heals you, making you healthy/whole, agreeing with

God's will for you. Prayer of faith is based on the Abrahamic covenant where either partner can make a demand on the other. God first asked Abraham to give Abraham's all (sacrifice Isaac, his beloved, only son) for the covenant. After Abraham did so in faith, God sacrificed His beloved son Jesus. After Abraham demonstrated his commitment to the covenant, God's response to Abraham's seed is "according to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29). We are the beneficiary of this still-active covenant. We draw from this covenant by ask/call for/require (Strong word G154) in line with God's Word. Mark 11:23 describes its success condition. Jesus chose Mark 11:23's wording to show this covenant's strength/magnitude.

6F. Faith grows stronger if you continue to learn God's Word and think/meditate on It until "you get it" (Romans 10:17). The growth of faith is just like how you learned and then mastered your profession. As your faith grows, your miracles come faster. You need to study the Bible regularly in order to build the faith that works reliably. This is part of the "fight the good fight of faith" in 1 Timothy 6:12.

6G. If you are in a jam and need your miracle fast, then aggregate (combine) faith to make it (addressing your issue) effectively stronger/greater. (Mark 8:22-25, Acts 12:5-12 (many Christians praying ceaselessly for many hours), James 5:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Mark 11:22-24) Also exercise your faith at a higher frequency (more often, low dead-time in between) to do high-frequency faith (Mark 8:22-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:17). This is to keep the world from sliding you back in between your faith actions (Mark 5:27-30). This is to avoid repeating what happened when Moses got tired and lowered his rod (Exodus 17:11-13, Exodus 4:17). It is very important to note that they held the rod up until sundown (Exodus 17:12). They have learned to continue to act in agreement with God's Word (in Exodus 4:17) so that God's power continue to work for them until they have received the victory! They did the equivalent of Mark 8:22-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, and James 5:15. See the study, "What If It Does Not Work.doc," for a discussion of how to aggregate "faith" to "fight the good fight of faith." (1 Timothy 6:12)

6H. The prayer of agreement is a form of aggregating "faith." Matthew 18:18-20 (below) show that the prayer of agreement is a form of the prayer of faith because verse 18 and 20 (below) are talking about using the name of Jesus to change the world. The prayer of agreement is when 2 or more Christians exercising the prayer of faith together regarding a common objective. This is a type of aggregating faith.

Matthew 18: 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, That if **two** of you **shall agree** on earth as touching any thing that they shall **ask** (*call for, require, G154*), it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

6I. Beginner's faith does work.

If all these faith/healing studies seem overwhelming, don't worry. Check them out at your own pace. When I started testing Mark 11:23, I just did one Mark 11:23 statement at bed time. It took about 1 or 2 weeks for simple problems to go away. I ran into a wall when I tackled my bad shoulder and my bad left knee. Take a look at my healing log, "dChenEarlyLog.doc," to see my early progress. At that time it was just me, Hagin tapes, and my Bible. After many tapes, much poking around the Bible, and starting to speak high-frequency/high-density Mark 11:23 healing statements, both my bad shoulder and bad left knee got better. After I learned to pray a long time in tongue (after asking the Holy Ghost for help), healing got easier, faster, and much more reliable. After 2 years of experimenting and studying the Bible for healing/faith, I stopped logging my experiments in "dChenEarlyLog.doc" because I was hitting over 90% success of my tries in receiving healing. You should do better because you now have more faith/Word resources to work with. Also take a

look at "What If It Does Not Work.doc." I continued to study the Bible on this topic and tested my growing understanding by continually exercise faith to heal something/someone for another 20 years.

Do what Fred Price recommended on TV: start on small stuff and work your way to bigger stuff. Use these studies as handy references. After your tenth miracle it gets much easier. Take a look at "momStroke.doc." Most sickness/ailment takes time to develop until it is noticeable. You don't have to wait until you develop noticeable symptoms before speaking healing faith statements. Think Joshua 1:8. I start speaking healing faith statements when I wake up, to get a jump on any possibly brewing problems. If there are no brewing problems, then my body just get healthier. I also take measurements. For example, due to poor dental knowledge and hygiene, my gum receded quite a bit before my dentist and periodontist told me I would probably lose my teeth, just like my dad and mom did. My gum used to bleed easily and some of my teeth would also wobble and hurt. I use a special gum brush to clean out my gum pockets and to measure gum bleeding. In spite of excellent dental care and lots of Mark 11:23 statements, I lost 2 molars and had 2 artificial molars implanted. However, as a third tooth started to head down the same path, I was able to crank up faith statements to stop and reverse the gum loss. My faith has grown. But this is a day-by-day fight. If I get lazy, then my gum gets worse, bleeds, and hurts. So, I measure my teeth/gum and my left knee continuously. So, I say healing faith words when I wake up and during the day. If I need more, I say more. So, don't wait.

Some sick people go to Rhema Healing School to learn about and to receive healing. Link: https://www.rhema.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2003:healing-school&catid=182:prayer-and-healing&Itemid=661 or Google "rhema healing school Hagin." You can get more materials at the Rhema store by Googling "rhema store hagin." You can also attend Mike Webb's Healing School via Internet by going to www.foothillfamily.com Click on "Our Services" and then click on "Healing School." Of course, you should use your Bible to check on them.

6J. Christians are righteous because of what Jesus did for us. If you sinned, repent and be cleansed from all unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in him.

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the **new man**, which after God is created in **righteousness** and true **holiness**.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6K. God is not weak. Sometimes it seems as if God is not around and the devil is running rampant in the world. This is false. God initially gave Adam and Eve (man) authority over earth. When man chose to believe Satan's word over God's Word and ate the forbidden fruit, man was separated from God and lost that authority to Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4, Matthew 4:8-9 (Jesus did not call Satan's statement a lie)). [God told Adam and Eve that if they ate the forbidden fruit they would die. If they believed God they would never have eaten the fruit.] God then made a covenant with Abraham and tested Abraham by asking Abraham to sacrifice Abraham's beloved only son. Abraham did so in faith and God later sacrificed God's beloved only son to maintained this covenant with Abraham's seed (descendants). But, they had to act in agreement with God's Word to receive the covenant's blessings. Otherwise, they were subjected to nature and devils' work. God then sent Jesus to restore man to God and to restore the church's authority over devils and their work. Jesus then gave power and authority to the church to do the same work Jesus did: undo the work of the devil (1 John 3:8, John 14:12, Luke 10:17-19, Mark 16:15-18). Mark 11:23 defines of the success condition of church's authority to do this work. Unfortunately, most of the church does not know God's Word and, mostly, do not successfully use Jesus'

name to control devil's mayhem (John 10:10, Luke 13:16). The body of Christ is to use Jesus' name to control the devil's mayhem (1 Timothy 6:12). Also see the next point.

6L. Man does "faith" first and then God does "according to your faith be it unto you."

James 4:8 Draw nigh (near) to God, and he will draw nigh (near) to you. . . .

Matthew 7:7 Ask (*call for, require, G154*), and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

When God wants to anoint Saul with the Spirit of God, God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint Saul with oil first: 1 Samuel 10:1, 1 Samuel 10:9, 1 Samuel 11:6. When God wants to anoint David with the Spirit of God, God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint David with oil first: 1 Samuel 16:13. When God wants to put the Spirit of God on Jesus so that Jesus can start to work, God sent Jesus to be baptized in water first: Matthew 3:16. So, when we baptize a new Christian in water (Matthew 28:19), presumably, God also put the Spirit of God and power on this new Christian, just as when John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

Jesus/God put the Spirit of God (and power) on the church/body of Christ and told the church to wait for this tool before going forth to do work: Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 10:38.

Check out all the Bible man-act-in-faith-first examples in the study "What Jesus Means By Faith.doc".

When God wanted to sacrifice Jesus to restore man, God asked Abraham to sacrifice Abraham's beloved only son first before God sacrificed Jesus, God's then beloved only son. This is the most important man-does-in-faith action. God does act unilaterally, as in flooding the earth to reboot. But when man goes to God, since the Abrahamic covenant, man does in faith first and then God responds according to man's faith. God does "... according to your faith be it unto you," Matthew 9:29.

Noah built the ark and then the rain came. In accordance with Exodus 4:17, Moses raised his rod to initiate the plagues. Moses and the Israelites had to walk and fight their way to the Promised Land. But God supplied their needs and kept them healthy. The priests carrying the ark first stepped into the water of the river Jordan before Jordan stopped. Jordan stay stopped while the priests stood in the Jordan (Joshua 3:13-17). Even though God promised the greatly outnumbered Jehoshaphat and the Israelites victory, Jehoshaphat first marched the singers before the army to battle. Only then does God "set ambushments" to bring victory (2 Chronicles 20:17-24).

6M. Why does it take so long? (1) Sometimes devils delay the result: Daniel 10:12-13. (2) God's Word in your heart brought you salvation and brings result to your prayer of faith. Sometimes things get worse as you learn faith. This is due to Satan trying to steal God's Word from you: Mark 4:14-15. You'll just have to double down on meditating on God's Word and exercising faith. This "sower sows the Word" parable also shows that world circumstances get in the way also.

The primary reason is that the modern-day church has very little God's Word in their heart. When man goes to God, miracle depends on man's "faith," which depends on God's Word in man's heart (Romans 10:17). Romans 10:17 is open-ended so "faith" grows if you regularly invest in God's Word. If only one or few exposure to God's Word is sufficient to acquire "faith," then everyone would be prayer giants. So, one has to study/meditate on the Bible through his own effort.

Lastly, the world has momentum and it resists being changed by faith. This is why Fred Price suggests applying faith to small goals and work your way to bigger goals. This is why Terry Mize talks of faith that can bring in \$100 vs. faith that can bring in \$5,000. In Mark 8:22-25 the world resisted Jesus healing the blind person. But Jesus applied faith again and overcame the man's blindness. It is the power that came with the Spirit of God (Acts 10:38) does miracles. Jesus had Spirit without measure (John 3:34). And yet, in this example, the world was able to resist Jesus the first time. We, who are catching up to Jesus in terms of commitment to God's Word, will ". . . . fight the good fight of faith." (1 Timothy 6:12) and do Romans 10:17.

World has momentum. Cancer, Ebola, and sepsis are real and grow rapidly in the body. This growth has momentum and it must be stopped by strong faith and then more strong faith must be applied to kill it. Remember: Mark 5:27-30 shows that power does work when Mark 11:23 is applied. If your Mark 11:23 did not produce full result, as happened to Jesus in Mark 8:22-25, then apply more faith quickly and frequently, as Jesus did. I call this high-frequency faith. This is what Hagin teaches at the end of his "Healing Scriptures" CD and book. This prevents sickness from growing unchecked after you hit it with the previous application of faith. If more faith is not quickly applied, world momentum may overrun the progress already made, as when Moses lowered his rod and then quickly raised his rod again (Exodus 4:17, Exodus 17:11-13).

[In Mark 8:22-25, progress was made each time Jesus applied faith. Jesus also checked the progress after each application of faith. Apparently, Jesus did not expect the miracle to always manifest after only 1 application of faith. Jesus immediately applied more faith until the miracle fully manifests. This is Jesus who knows God's Word and is fully committed to God's Word. (Romans 10:17) Jesus also had Spirit without limit. (John 3:34) Compare Acts 6:5 (below) with Acts 6:8 (below). Power and miracles are associated with the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit. Jesus was full of faith and power. And yet Jesus checked for progress and continued to apply faith until the blind man could see clearly. We should do Romans 10:17 and we should exercise high-frequency faith like Jesus did.

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose **Stephen**, a man **full of faith** and of the **Holy Ghost** (*Holy Spirit*), and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 6:8 And **Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles** among the people.

Moses (in agreement with Exodus 4:17, on his own initiative) struck the rock twice and water came out abundantly (Numbers 20:11). Compare with the previous time (Exodus 17:6) when there was no mention of "abundantly."

The Israelites marched around Jericho 7 times/days. Pastor Mike Webb said that the Jericho wall was so thick that they could race chariots on top. Think of the chariots in the movie, "Ben Hur," and the Ridley Scott Moses movie. I am sure some of them thought the chariots may just come out and chop them to pieces. No wonder Joshua shut them up the entire time. They did a long and difficult "faith."

Elijah continued to pray while checked 7 times for progress. This was long "faith."

Naaman dipped 7 times in the river and then was healed. Naaman was a big shot. I'm pretty sure he travelled with security staff and admin staff. No hospitality for Naaman and his entourage. Then Naaman's entourage all looked at him while Naaman made a muddy monkey of himself 7 times.

Jairus walked home to heal his daughter even after his daughter had already died. Long and difficult “faith.” No reprieve from Jesus.

The angel shut up Zechariah throughout the entire John-the-Baptist pregnancy. Ensured long “faith.”

Moses/Aaron/Hur held up the rod from God for the entire battle. Long and tiring “faith.”

The blind man with mud on his face tapped all the way to the fountain before healing came. Long walk with mud on his face. Along the way, some may have made fun of him.

As the lepers went to the high priest they were healed. They walked and thought about facing the high priest.

Noah first built the ark (took a long time) and then the rain came.

Moses and the Israelites had to walk and fight their way to the Promised Land. God did not translate nor fly them to the Promised Land. But God supplied their needs and kept them healthy.]

Another point of confusion is that many think miracle healing should arrive quickly, as in the 4 gospel books. What happened was Jesus was anointed and then went around telling everyone Jesus was anointed to break the devil’s oppression and to heal them (Acts 10:36-38, Luke 4:18, 1 John 3:8). Those who believed Jesus came to Jesus to be healed (they acted in agreement with the God’s Word that Jesus told them). Jesus then fulfilled Luke 4:18 by doing Mark 11:23 to heal them. (See the study “What Jesus Means By Faith.doc”) It was often Jesus’ faith that healed them. Jesus believed God’s Word and Jesus had Spirit/power without measure. So answer came quicker. But when man did faith, answer sometimes took longer. The Israelites circled Jericho 7 days. Daniel waited 21 days. Elijah sent his servant many times to check for rain. Naaman went into the river and then climbed out 7 times. The angel shut up Zechariah for the entire pregnancy. Moses, Aaron, and Hur held up Moses’ rod for the entire battle. Paul prayed endlessly for the church. The biggest clue is in the open-ended Joshua 1:8, Romans 10:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Proverbs 4:20-22. They say: more Word, more Word, and more Word. In contrast, the modern-day Christians have very little Word in them. To well qualify for Mark 11:23-24, the modern Christian needs to do a lot of Romans 10:17. At Jesus’ home town, even with Jesus pushing with them, some got healed but many did not (see the “HowNotReceiveFromGod.doc” study). Jesus helped them to do Romans 10:17 by going around teaching (God’s Word). Jesus was helping them to “fight the good fight of faith.” (1 Timothy 6:12)

7. Negative things to know and reject

7A. Avoid common stumbling blocks:

7A1. Paul’s thorn. Paul’s thorn is a messenger (demon) from Satan to impede Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7 below).

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the **messenger of Satan** to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

7A2. Be patient, steady, and persistent. Continue to exercise faith. In Daniel 10:12-13 (below), the demon delayed God’s answer for 21 days. Sometimes devils delay your answer in order to take God’s Word from you (Mark 4:15). James 1:6-7 says to be steady and constant and continue to exert faith. Remember that when

Moses lowered his rod (not agreed with Exodus 4:17), God's power stopped helping the Israelites. Remember that when Peter believed the storm/waves and doubted Jesus' Word ("come", Matthew 14:29-31), God's power reduced supporting Peter walking on water. But Jesus kept on exercising faith (Mark 8:22-25).

Daniel 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** (*bad angel over Persia*) **withstood me** one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask (call for, G154) of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask (call for, G154) in faith, nothing wavering. For **he that wavereth** is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let **not** that man think that he shall **receive any thing** of the Lord.

Check out examples in the studies, "HowNotReceiveFromGod.doc" and "God Family Use Mark_11_23.doc".

7A3. Do not use vain repetition when praying, as the pagans do. Matthew 6:7 says to not use vain repetition. Do not mix this up with repeatedly exercising faith. Jesus did not use vain repetition in Mark 8:22-25. Paul did not use vain repetition when Paul endlessly prayed faith statements for the church in Ephesians 1:16-23 & Colossians 1:9-11. Do: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 + James 5:15 + Mark 11:22-24.

7B. In the case of the blind boy, whose sin was it that caused the blindness? Jesus said none of them and that God sent Jesus to heal the boy. Jesus said sickness is oppression from the devil. God and Jesus opposes sickness and devils.

7C. Sin/unworthy. Repent and be cleansed of unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Healing is for everyone.

7D. Suffer for God's glory. No need. God is glorified when the sick is healed. God sent and equipped Jesus and the church to undo the devil's work and to heal the sick. Church should do its work.

7E. Be a martyr. No need. God/Jesus gave you supernatural tools to undo the devil's work. (1 John 3:8, John 14:12) God wants you to win. Fight the good fight of faith, instead. (1 Timothy 6:12)

7F. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Revisited

Daniel 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; [well:] but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who [is] that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we [are] not careful (anxious) to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and **he will deliver [us] out of thine hand**, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

In my Maryland notes, I pointed out that in Daniel 3:17, the three Hebrew boys executed Mark 11:23. I didn't realize that many people think that the "if not" in verse 18 undercuts the case for Mark 11:23. I think the question is what are the "If it be so" in verse 17 and the "if not" in verse 18 referring to? It could refer to (1) "whether our God delivers us?" Or (2) "whether you, Nebuchadnezzar, follow through on your threat to throw us into the furnace?"

In case (1) verse 17-18 can be paraphrased as: "If it be so that our God decides to deliver us, then He will. But if He decides not to deliver us, we won't serve your god". In case (2) verse 17-18 can be paraphrased as: "If it be so that you do what you said you were going to do (throw us in the furnace), then our God is able to deliver us out of the fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if you don't do what you said you were going to do (i.e., if you change your mind, King, and now tell us that you are not going to throw us in the furnace) we want you to know that we are still not going to serve your god".

I think case (2) is the correct interpretation and they did execute Mark 11:23 because case (1) does not make sense. Case (1) does not make sense because if their God does not deliver them, they would be burned up quickly and they would not be able to serve anybody, not even their own God. This interpretation would make verse 18 nonsense. An exaggerated paraphrase of this may be: "18 But if our God does not deliver us, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods because we will be burned to a crisp."

8. Things may get worse when you start to do faith. The devil may be trying to take God's Word out of you before you become a powerful prayer/faith warrior. Double up on studying God's faith/healing Word and double up your speaking Mark 11:23 healing words for your healing. Call up your "faith" network to aggregate up more faith on your side. Locate/interview willing Christians with reliable miracles track record to help you when you really need help.