

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE WE?

Part 11: "We Are a Believing Church"

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"But when they arrived they looked up and saw that the stone—a very heavy one—was already moved away and the entrance was open! So they entered the tomb—and there on the right sat a young man clothed in white. The women were startled, but the angel said, '<u>Don't be so surprised</u>. Aren't you looking for Jesus, the Nazarene who was crucified? He isn't here! <u>He</u> <u>has come back to life</u>! Look, that's where his body was lying. Now go and give this message to his disciples including Peter: 'Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died!'"

Mark 16:4-7 (TLB)

"The Spirit of the God who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you. So the God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your bodies. He will do this because of his Spirit who lives in you." **Romans 8:11** (NIRV)

I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPEN WHEN...

1. ...WHAT I BELIEVE BECOMES ____

"If you <u>openly declare</u> that Jesus is Lord and <u>believe</u> <u>in your heart</u> that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For <u>it is by believing</u> in your heart that <u>you are made right with God</u>, and it is by <u>openly</u> <u>declaring</u> your faith that you are saved."

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A <u>new life</u> has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

"<u>Don't copy</u> the behavior and customs of this world, but let_God <u>transform you</u> into a new person by <u>changing</u> the way you think."

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

"Dear brothers, what's the use of saying that you have faith and are Christians if you aren't <u>proving it</u> by <u>helping others</u>? Will that kind of faith save anyone? Fool! When will you ever learn that '<u>believing' is</u> <u>useless without doing</u> what God wants you to? Faith that does not result in good deeds is <u>not real faith</u>." James 2:14,20 (TLB)

2. ...WHAT I BELIEVE IS _____ THAT I _____

"In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, <u>he was hungry</u>, and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were <u>only leaves</u>. Then he said to it, 'May you never bear fruit again!' And immediately the fig tree withered up. The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, 'How did the fig tree wither so quickly?' Then Jesus told them, 'I tell you the truth, <u>if you have</u> <u>faith</u> and do<u>n't doubt</u>, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. You can <u>pray for anything</u>, and if you <u>have</u> <u>faith</u>, you will receive it.'"

Matthew 21:18-22 (NLT)

"But when you ask him, be sure that your faith <u>is in</u> <u>God alone</u>. Do not waver, for a person with <u>divided</u> <u>loyalty</u> is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is <u>divided</u> between <u>God</u> and the <u>world</u>, and they are <u>unstable</u> in everything they do."

James 1:6-8 (NLT)

3. ... WHAT I BELIEVE STARTS _

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead."

Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

"And this is the boldness we have in God's presence: that if we ask God for anything <u>that agrees with what</u> <u>he wants</u>, he hears us. If we know he hears us every time we ask him, we know <u>we have what we ask</u> from him."

1 John 5:14-15 (NCV)