

VISUALIZING IN THE SPIRIT SERIES

THE POWER TO DECREE

This Bible is the Word of God. It does not contain the Word of God. It is the Word of God. It changes my life. It changes my heart and it gives me a new vision. I am what it says I am. I can do what it says I can do in Jesus' Name.

We have been talking about visualizing. We were talking about writing the vision in our hearts. We have covered the ground works. In the last message, we spoke on the practical aspects of visualizing. We have taken off from the point where we said that there are two areas or two parts of confessing the Word of God. There is one where the confession is being made in order to get it written into our hearts. The other is the confession that is spoken out as a decree.

Mark 11: 23-24, *For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, "Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you received them and you will have them."* These words of God speak about confession. When we confess we are able to write the vision into our heart.

The other part of confession is decreeing. Mark 11: 23-24 also talks about decreeing. When you decree to a mountain, be gone it is gone. See what happens

when we decree is different from meditation. Meditation as we have seen it covers a speaking of words so when we meditate the words are written in to our hearts. Deut.6 talks about speaking the Word when you are lying down, when you wake up, when you walk by the way and when you sit down, when you rise up. We have seen how Psalm 1 and Joshua 1:8 talks about meditating on the Word of God day and night. That speaks about writing the Word of God and writing the vision down into our hearts.

However, when it comes to decreeing, it is different. When we decree, we pick up from the Spirit of God that which the Spirit of God wants to declare and set a pattern to follow. See that is decreeing. In the same way when Jacob was about to go home, Jacob spoke decrees to every one of his sons and what he spoke came to pass. He said the scepter shall not depart from Judah and the kingly anointing came for Judah. It came to pass.

Many times people who are in the Word of Faith movement, are just confessing the Word all the time. They hear the teaching that what you confess is what you possess. So they confess the Word but they did not possess the promises. Something is wrong. Alternatively, they heard that when you speak to the mountain, it should be gone. Jesus said it, so it has to be true. He said, 'Say to this mountain, "Be thou removed," and it shall be so.' However, it is not true in their lives and we have established the fact in our last message that unless the Word is written in our hearts, unless the vision is written in our hearts we will be unable to decree. They are like two steps, you must have the Word in you before you can speak the decree and it takes a long process to get the Word in. It takes meditation. It has to clear out the doubts. It has to clear out the unbelief and we have to line out lives with the Word before we can decree. We are going to focus more about decreeing and speaking the vision.

Mark 11:23-24, notice in verse 23 Jesus said, "*If you will say to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and **does not doubt**.*" That is where most people's confessions fall through because of the doubt in their heart. Now why do they have doubt? It's because the Word is not written into their hearts solidly. The vision is not seen clearly. See the problem is that many times that we do not believe. The problem is not in the acting. The problem is in the believing part. The believing part

determines it.

Suppose there is somebody who has 4 hours to live and doctors have given up hope on him and I want you to go and pray over him. In fact, on your way there, he may have died. If I ask you to go and pray for him and work a miracle, would it be easy for you? How will it be easy for you to go and pray for him? You heard the Word of God very clearly, either in vision or audible voice or inner impression but it was so strong that you knew without a doubt. It says, "Thus says the Lord, 'Go down and raise my child Habakkuk from the dead.' You have it confirmed and reconfirmed into your heart that it is the Lord. You don't even have one doubt that it is the Lord. Would it be easy? It would be easy. See what makes it easy or hard? The problem is not so much in the action, but it is in the hearing part. If anyone of you when God has shown you and says, "Go to such and such a place and such and such a house.' This is exactly what you would do and you are sure without a doubt that God has said it. Then it would have been very easy for you to go and do it. No problem, even when you reach there, everybody else is crying and they have just called the undertaker, Habakkuk could be lying in his coffin, and the professional mourners may have started. You knew the Lord had sent you; you would have boldly gone there and said, "Open the coffin, and stop crying.' You may send everybody out because when you raise Habakkuk from the dead others may die of fright. You say, 'Habakkuk arise!' Habakkuk arises and the house suddenly becomes emptied of people. They have all fled away, screaming, "It's a ghost." Now that would be very easy and the reason why Jesus could do the miracles of God easily was that His hearing was perfect. Jesus never makes a mistake. All of us make mistakes as we move into the things of God and we improve from time to time but when Jesus heard God He made no mistakes.

Remember one time when Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead. As He was going into the city, the funeral was marching out and when He saw it, He knew that the Father wanted Him to raise the widow's son and in the middle of the funeral procession, He stopped them and He said, "Open the coffin." They opened the coffin. Now where did He get His confidence? It is the assurance that comes from hearing the Word of God. The reason why many people are speaking to mountains and they are not moving is because they doubted in their hearts. We must get the heart established, grounded, rooted in the vision of God, in the Word of God so much so that there is not even one iota of doubt.

Now God has spoken something to some of you. You never had any doubt because you knew God said it but there are other areas of your life that you are still not sure. In those areas, you have to make it sure through the years as we grow in God. We have to establish all those areas of our lives and ministry clearer and clearer that God has asked of us and spoken to us. We are not going to go through much of the principle part, which we have touched on, in the last 4 or 5 teachings ago on this series about visualizing. We are going to focus on the practical side of visualizing now that we have spoken about the vision being written in our hearts. That part is the most difficult. You see, speaking to get the vision written into our hearts is easier but that takes a little bit of time before you are ready to decree to bring it forth. The vision must be written first on our hearts before we can decree it forth. If there is no vision in your heart, how can you decree it? If there is no tea in the teapot, how can you pour tea out into a cup?

Just before Jesus was crucified, He said to His disciples that all of them would be scattered. Peter came and told the Lord with his own lips. 'Though everyone desert you I will not.' Peter said it with his word. Luke 22:33, *Peter told the Lord, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."* See Peter knew that was a good thing to say. "I will go with you. The rest may fall but I will be with you." Now that was a good confession but the difference was Peter was saying it from his mouth and not from his heart. He was saying it from his head and not from his heart. If your head is aligned with the Word properly but your heart is not aligned, you are in trouble. I am sure you know that. If you could align one wheel of your car and the other is not aligned properly you are in trouble. You won't get a good balance. You have to align your head and your heart. Some people need alignment and the process of the alignment takes the Word. The one who aligns is the Holy Spirit so get hook on Him to align you. Peter has his mouth speaking good things but his heart was not in it and he could not stand when the pressures increased on him and when his words were challenged, he crumbled and went against what he said.

Jesus said you would have what you say if you do not doubt it in your heart. If doubt does not arise, you will have what you say. It will come to pass provided there is no doubt. Moreover, the removing of doubt is the greatest problem in

people's life. They doubt too much but this same Peter who doubted the Lord is the same one in Acts 4:21. *So when they have further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.* Now the Sanhedrin had already threatened them. Now when you use threat you usually use threat to kill, to maim, or to imprison. They repeated this when they found Peter preaching in Acts 5:28, saying, *"Did we not strictly command you not to teach in His name? And look you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this Man's blood on us."* Then Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, *"We ought to obey God rather than man."* Now here is the same person but this time he believed. This time his heart was established. This time he was willing to pull through. Sink or swim he was willing to pull through. What was happening is that the vision had been written in his heart and when the vision is written in his heart, he is in a position to decree and speak the vision out.

There are two parts when it comes to visualizing. The first part is to write the vision down in your own heart through confession and meditation. The other part is to declare the vision, speak the vision so that it comes to pass. We have taught on the other area that as much as you have meditated you must stand and also speak to the mountain. Jesus says you have to speak to the mountain. You have to speak your vision out. Speak and then your vision will come to pass and the more you talk about the vision the more the vision consume you.

Abraham is an example of a man of God who has the vision written and then the vision spoken. The vision has to be written in our hearts before our mouths can speak it. The Lord appeared to Abram in Gen.12: 4, *So Abram went as the Lord had spoken to him and Lot went with him and Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.* Therefore, Abram was 75 years old but we can say he was 75 years young. Compared to Moses he was young. Moses started his ministry at the age of 80. 40 years in Egypt, 40 years in the wilderness and then came the burning bush and that left another 40 years to go and he went off at 120. Therefore, you are still young. Look at the one next to you and say, *"You are still young."* Therefore, Abram started at 75. Moses started at 80. Some of you had the privilege of starting at 50. Now God had spoken to him about visualizing.

Here we are in Genesis 13:16, *"I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so*

that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered." Now God was helping him to visualize. God brought his attention to the dust and as we have said in the wilderness, one commodity you have in abundance is dust. In the desert, you could see dust storms. Dust is all around and so as he looked at all the dust, he sees the dust as people, children, his descendants. That was in the daytime. Remember God says to meditate on the Word *day and night*, so God has to think of some way to get it into him during the nighttime too. God knew that Abraham really needs a lot of visualizing. God knew that Abraham did not have the vision written properly yet. Gen.15: 1, "*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abraham in a vision saying, 'Do not be afraid Abram, I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.'* But Abram says, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus." How many think he is still a doubter. He is still a doubter.

Remember the song that a Christian composer used to sing, "You will never get Abraham blessing with the Thomas kind of faith. The mountain will just stand there every single day." He says that you will never get Abraham blessings with a Thomas kind of faith. Thomas said I have to see in order to believe. Abraham kind of faith is you must believe before you can see. Therefore, the world is full of Thomases. Let me say this Abraham was once upon a time a Thomas. He was, he doubted so that gives you great encouragement to know that he, the father of faith took time to have the vision written into him, the same way for each one of us. Don't despair if your vision hasn't come to pass yet. Don't get discouraged. Some people say, "I confess the promises of God three times a day and nothing has happen." The vision must be written into our hearts clearly.

Remember God has told him in Gen.13, God said, "Abram, I am going to make your children as many as the dust." Moreover, here in Genesis 15 we see, what Abram said to God, 'I am childless.' He did not believe. So God thinks Abraham needs another dose of visualization. I have given you something to visualize in the daytime. Now God took him out at night. God is very patient. Human beings are very impatient. Take a good look at yourself. God had to be patient with you. If He were to be a human being who deals with all our lives, we would have been given up long ago. Therefore, God is very patient with His little child, Abram. Abram said in verse 3, "You have given me no offspring." He still won't believe. Then the Word of the Lord came to him saying, "This one shall not be your heir." Verse 5, the Lord

brought him outside. He told Abram look up and Abram looked up he saw the stars and God said, "Abram look, see if you can number the stars." Who can number the stars? Even today, they are still discovering new galaxies and a galaxy is a cluster of stars. Nobody can number them. Abraham looked up and saw all the stars and God said, "See if you can number them?" God put the challenge to him. Of course, he could not and God said, "Abraham, so will your descendants be."

So now, God has him to visualize in the daytime and God has him to visualize in the nighttime. God has him day and night. Now God has started getting him to meditate on the vision day and night and today it applies to us by meditation. What God has spoken to you, if someone has given you a good prophecy that confirms in your spirit, take it and write it down. Meditate on it. Don't expect it to come tomorrow. Some may, but it takes time to get the vision written into it. Its work - its hard work and that is the part where many visions failed. In heaven many people will be gathered before our Lord Jesus Christ and there will be many of them who will not be able to fulfill the vision God has intended them to fulfill. The reason is many do not have the vision written clearly in their hearts and mind.

Therefore, God has his daytime and God got his nighttime but there is one more problem - Abraham's wife. God has to get hold of his wife too and Abraham did not communicate to his wife. He himself may have been doing the meditation whereas Sarah has been meditating on a different thing. Gen.16: 2, *So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her."* And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. Abraham did not get this wife to visualize the number of children they would have. So, one day she said that since the Lord did not give her any children, Abraham could beget a child by the maid Hagar. Abraham heeded the voice of Sarah. That also was an act of unbelief if Abraham acted and followed Sarah's voice contrary to God's intention. We can only conclude up that to that point Abraham still had unbelief in his life because he acted in unbelief. Therefore, unbelief must still be inside of him. It took a long time to set that vision written down.

Don't get the mistaken idea that Abraham did not believe at all. He did believe when God first spoke to him. Look at Genesis 15: 6 *And he believed in the Lord and He accounted it to him for righteousness.* What did the Lord promised? Descendants as the

stars. The Bible says he believe and God accounted it to him for righteousness but what happen was Abraham's believing was up and down, like any yo-yo Christians. One day up, next day down. Sundays up, Mondays down and Saturday confessing their sins. Abraham's faith was shaky. His belief was overwhelmed with doubt from time to time. The vision says something but the fact shows another. Therefore, the vision and the fact were not in agreement but the fact had to change because the things that are not seen shall change the things that are seen. That's what we have been touching on in Hebrews. That what is unseen shall change what is seen. When God said you are healed - that's it. You can believe it. Abraham doubted. He believed and he doubted. Just like many people. They believe God for something. When they pray they believe for a while and after that they forget it and they doubt and then with encouragement they believe again.

This is a long process. You know how long it took Abraham. Abraham was 75 years old when God first spoke to him about making him a great nation (Genesis 12: 1-4). When he was 99 years old, God changed his name from Abram to Abraham. When his name was changed, it was time to decree his vision. At 75 years old, God told him that he would be a great nation. When he was 99 years old, God told him his name was changed to Abraham, the father of many nations. This is the start of decreeing. By announcing to his wife and Ishmael and Hagar and the herdsmen and servants that his name is Abraham, everyone else was decreeing him as father of many nations when they started calling him, "Abraham, Abraham, father of many nations, father of many nations."

99 minus 75, how long is that? 24 years. 24 years of getting the vision written into his heart. 24 long years then God came to him and God said, "Abraham, it is now time to decree." God says in Genesis 17: 5, "*No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.*" That's when the decreeing starts. God knew that finally the vision has gotten into this heart. After 24 years of getting the word in to him, Abraham finally can decree. Abraham did not get it easy and we are all going to get it the same way. We have to fight the fight of faith. What God says to you, you must see clear. Hold on to the vision. It will come to pass if you don't give up. The vision will not give up but the vision has to work through a human vessel for God to fulfill His purposes on this earth.

I am sure after Abraham had Ishmael, he must have sat around and thought about what God told him. Looking down at the dust and looking up at the stars, he says, "God did say that my children will be like the sand and the stars." I am sure that from time to time, the vision came back and there is a silent period in Abraham's life. The silent period lasted for about 12 years from the time Ishmael was born until Gen.21 when Isaac was born. It is known by bible scholars as the silent years of Abraham and it was pointed out that the silent years are pointing to Abraham's act of unbelief when he had Ishmael conceived by Hagar. Nevertheless, through those years as he sees Ishmael growing up he must have asked. 'Is this the one? Cannot be because God has said, 'Your offspring.' Finally, after 25 years, God came and said in Gen. 21: 1 *And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken.*

Now just before that. Let's look at the name-change. Genesis 17 that's when the name-change took place and just to let you know the date is in verse 1. Abraham was 99 years old. *The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God, walk before Me and be blameless and I will make My covenant between you and Me and will multiply you exceedingly.'* Then Abram fell on his face and God talked with him, saying, "As for Me, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.' Verse 9, *As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep..'*

And then in verse15-16, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name and I will bless her and also give you a son by her, then I will bless her and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.' Verse17 *Abraham fell on his face and laughed and says, 'Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?'* Look at Abraham, there is still a little doubt there.

How many know that God is not too late? God is not too late. If there is any delay, it's because of me. What was the delay? Abraham was laughing. His laughing shows a small indication of some unbelief. 'I am 100 years old. Now Lord, you just came too late.' Sometimes some people like to talk that way to God. When Jesus

met Martha and Mary, Lazarus's sisters, Lazarus had died and both Mary and Martha said the same thing. They said, "Lord, You are too late. If only You had come a little bit earlier." God is never too late. He is always on time. He is punctual. You can add this into your list. God is love, God is light, God is power, and God is punctual. When it comes to answering, He is never late. He is right on target. Even right now the church of God in the world is right where God is working His will out.

Then God mentioned about changing his name in verse 5, *'No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be called Abraham. For I have made you.'* Notice the past tense that we have covered. Visualizing is always seeing what is to come as a past tense. We have noted that there's a special Hebrew language that bible scholars struggle with that because God always use the past tense for the future. It reveals God nature. Calling those things, which be not as though they were. Well Abraham was 99 years old and God changed his name. Why did God change his name? Because your name is something that you speak frequently and the others call you frequently. Your name is the confession of what you are called to be repeatedly and that is why it's important when you choose a name, you hear from God what He wants you to be called. If you have a name like Dumbly Bell, I would suggest you change it or if your name is like Rascal, I suggest that you change it because it's something that everybody calls you. Can you imagine everybody calling you, "Rascal, Rascal?" Eventually you end up as one.

Therefore, God changed Abraham's name and got him to decree. See the name means *father of many nations*. Sarah means *mother of many nations*. God started getting them to decree. It took a process but now the vision is solidly grounded in their hearts. In Genesis 18, God has to deal with the wife too. One day while Abraham was entertaining the angels, in verse 9 -10, *"They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, 'Here in the tent.' In addition, He said, 'I will certainly return to you according to the time of life and behold Sarah your wife shall have a son' and Sarah like most women was listening in the tent. She was supposed to be hidden and she was listening very carefully to the conversation because these are honored guests. They are God and his angels and in verse 12 Sarah laughed within herself. When she heard that like most women, she gave herself away and in verse 13, The Lord said to Abraham, "Somebody is laughing here.' God says, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say shall I surely bear a child since I am old? Is anything too hard for the Lord?'"*

Moreover, in verse 14 God said, *“At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”*

The New Testament has something to say. It says in Rom. 4: 19-20, *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body already dead since he was about 100 years old and the deadness of Sarah’s womb too.’* Now Romans 4 tells you something. It did not point to Abraham when he was 75 but it points to Abraham 100 years of age. Because it is towards that time when he was 99 that God spoke and changed his name and from that time onward something had happened. The vision had a hold on Abraham until he knew that God says it, that settles it and Abraham reached a point where he started to decree, *“I am Abraham. I am what He says I am. I can do what He says I can do. I am the father of many nations.”* He reached a point where he started speaking with the power of decreeing.

See a decree is usually given as a commandment. It is like a king who sends out a decree and makes a declaration. It’s no more meditation now, it’s decreeing, speaking to the mountain. Moreover, it records for us here in Rom. 4 *he did not consider his own body or the deadness of Sarah’s womb.* It says in verse 20 *he did not waver.* Now you and I can see the whole story here that they had wavered for 25 years - they wavered. Like the waves of the sea and James chapter 1 tell us that if, any man asks anything from the Lord, let him not doubt. A double-minded man couldn’t receive anything from the Lord and that includes Abraham because God’s Word never changes. If the Word of God says, a double-minded man couldn’t receive anything from the Lord, that means whether it is Abraham who is double-minded or Isaac or even if it were Jesus Christ, if they had been double-minded on this earth, they would not have received anything. Thanks be to God, Jesus was not double minded. He was single mindedness. He knew what God said, He did what God told Him to do without doubting, and Abraham came to the point where he no more had a double mind. He had a single mind. What God says that’s it. He was 99 years old when he started speaking, calling and decreeing what God has told him. The Bible says Abraham did not waver.

It took Abraham about one year of not wavering. From the time Abraham’s name was changed when he was 99 years old to the time Isaac was born when he was 100 years, he was decreeing his name as father of many nations and unwavering in his

faith. Here is where the key is. It takes only a short time for a baby to come out from the womb but it takes about 9 months for the baby to grow in the womb. See the carrying of the vision takes time. Being pregnant with the vision takes time. Let the vision grow in you as you meditating and speaking the vision out day and night. You are visualizing it and seeing it. It grows in you and then the speaking is where delivery comes. You start decreeing the vision. It took Abraham about one year to decree that he is the father of many nations. That is a ratio of one is to twenty-five. 25 years of writing the vision down. One year of decreeing got the result but the decreeing is based on having the vision. So there is no short cut. You have to meditate and get the Word into you.

The interesting point is that when they started speaking the Word, some things started changing. Earlier in Genesis 15 God has given the promise to them that *“one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”* (Gen 15: 4) In Genesis 17, God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah. For the next three chapters, Abraham started calling his wife, *“Sarah, Sarah, mother of many nations.”* Sarah called her husband, *“Abraham, Abraham, father of many nations.”* Since God changed their names, they were calling each other that and that was when something started happening to their bodies. The day they started decreeing, the change started happening. The truth started blowing apart the temporal facts. See we said that the truth would blow apart the facts that are not in line with the Word. God’s Word says that, ‘You shall be a father of many nations’ but the fact says, ‘I am old, 100 years and Sarah’s womb is dead.’ The facts do not agree with the truth, the truth became spoken, and it starts blowing apart the facts. Abraham’s body started becoming younger and Sarah started becoming younger - the reverse process is taking place. He has to have a normal body and she has to have a normal womb. Something has to happen. Resurrection power was flowing into them. I see some of you older ones suddenly brightening up. It started changing Abraham’s body. It started changing Sarah’s body. Everyday when Abraham look at Sarah, she has gone prettier and every time Sarah looks at Abraham, she said, ‘Abraham what’s happening to you? You are growing younger.’

The reverse process started happening so much so that in chapter 20 when Abraham made a trip to Gerar, King Abimelech took a fancy for Sarah. Now Sarah was about 10 years younger than Abraham. If Abraham was about 99 Sarah would have been about 89 years old, yet when King Abimelech saw Sarah he said, ‘Wow!’

In addition, because she was so beautiful now, Abraham said, "She is my sister." Have you ever heard today of a man who fell in love with a 90-year old young woman? There is hope for some of you here. Get the power of God here. I tell you, your confession works. So this Abimelech said, 'Wow she is pretty' and he took her. He asked, "How old are you?" "90," but he heard "19" instead but she was 90. Something started changing and that is when we can see that God has to do something. You know what God did? God threatened to judge Abimelech and his nation unless he releases Sarah. Why is this so? It is because Sarah is now capable of conceiving. He has to protect the seed.

However, the wonderful thing that we can get from this story is that the decreeing power started working. Decree what is to take place. You have to write the vision, you have to speak the vision, and we have said last message that in the writing of the vision, you have to many times write it down and meditate on it. Write down and meditate. My confession file is thick and I have a small list of confession to do everyday that I carry in my pocket all the time and I take it out in the morning. I take it out in the night. I meditate on the Word. I get the vision written on my heart to get it to grow. See when faith grows the vision grows within you and all the other time when you are visualizing, there is something you must do. You must pray it forth. You must, what I call, birth it forth. Moreover, that takes a special power that God has already given to you but has not been utilized.

Paul the apostle says in I Cor.14: 4, '*He who speaks in a tongue edify himself but he who prophesy edify the church.*' Now there is a lot of truth there but I want to focus on one. He who speaks in tongues edifies. The word *edify* comes from the Greek word *oikos*, which a word that means house and so is like establishing, building a house. He who prays in tongue builds, builds, God has given us a language of prayer in tongues. That language can build you up.

Now very quickly, just to have a few references - in Colossians 2: 10 the word of God says, '*You are complete in Him who is the head of all principalities and power.*' Now that is the word of declaration. That is the objective truth. You are complete as far as God sees you.

Now you look at Colossians 4 in verse 12, *Epaphras, who is one of you a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring for you in prayer, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.* You see, God says you are complete. That is what God call those things as be not as though they were and then you need prayer - Epaphras prayed for that perfection to be birthed in the Colossians.

The prayer language is so important that God has given you. We are talking about the practical application. See in Romans 8 talks about an imperfect world. The creation is groaning and the things that are not in line with the word. Then he talks about prayer, groaning. You have within you a powerful force that God has released when you are baptized in the Spirit - the prayer language that builds and edifies. Now this is what it specifically does.

In Jude 20 says, *But you beloved building yourself up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.* I Cor. 14: 14-15, *If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays.* So we know it's connected to praying in tongues - praying in the Spirit. It says building yourself up on your most holy faith. The word *build* is the same word that is used in I Cor. 14 just now edifies and the same Greek word to build you up.

Now I have studied that word because I was experiencing it during my visualizing. I visualize the vision in a clear-cut way and as I pray in tongues for what I see crystal clear, I am praying it forth. I asked God, "Lord, show me clearly in the scripture where it says that I should be praying in tongues as I visualize the vision of what you gave me." As I study that, I began to find that is what the Holy Spirit is showing. He says, "This is exactly what you are doing and this is what My Word says that you are building." We are talking about the practical part. What you must do is you must take what God says in the vision. You must sit down, see it clearly, and pray in tongues over it and building the vision up into you. If God calls you to be an evangelist, you must see yourself as an evangelist. Receive that from the Holy Spirit, pray it forth in tongues, and see it clearly. That is building you up.

Don't misunderstand Jude 20, *But you, beloved, building yourself up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.* It did not say that praying in the Holy Spirit is

building your faith. It did not say that. Praying in the Holy Spirit is building *you* up. Any English teacher will tell you that the subject is not faith. The subject is self. I Cor.14 also praying in tongues edify himself. Jude 20 the subject of the word build is self, building yourself and not your faith because faith does not come by praying in tongues. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. You don't get faith by praying. You get faith by hearing the Word of God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom.10: 17 the only way you can get faith is by the Word.

Now look at it very carefully. It says you build yourself on your most holy faith. You must see carefully in the context of all that we have spoken so far. Let's take this Bible to be faith. Now what is faith? Heb.11: 1 tells us that *faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*. Heb.11: 1 is the definition of faith in the Bible. All the rest teach about faith. Nevertheless, the Bible defines faith. You see a definition is something that says what is so there's where it defines faith. It says faith is the substance that is the spiritual substance. Substance of things hoped for, the future, it is the substance now. Just like the seed in the plant. If I take an apple tree now and I bring the seed here, I say inside this seed is an apple seed, you may not believe it but when it is planted and grown, an apple tree will come out. So faith is a substance, faith is the seed of the things to come. Faith is the gene or the DNA of what is to come. Faith is what is to come. It is a real substance now. You receive it now in seed form of what is to come. If you will nourish it properly, it will bear fruit.

We have read in the last message about the parable of the sower and the word. There are 4 types of ground. What makes the difference? The ground, which is the heart, is the one that makes the difference and not the Word. The same Word was sown into all the 4 types of ground, some of the grounds choked the Word, and some of the grounds didn't bear fruit. All have received the same powerful Word. All the 4 grounds had the potential of yielding 100 fold. So the Word is the substance and faith is the substance of things hoped for evidence of things not see. That means faith is the spiritual evidence that you have of physical things to come. Heb.11: 3 *By faith we understand, (that is, by this substance of the things hoped for, the evidence of things notes) that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which are visible (that is, by what is invisible).*

Let's look at it very carefully. It says faith; don't look at it as just a word, look at it as a substance. That substance is your vision. Remember faith sees, faith speaks, faith rests, faith stands, focusing on faith sees. Faith visualizes it; see the things to come and so that is faith the substance of your vision. The substance of things to come in your life is the substance of the future that is given to you in vision and written upon your heart. Therefore, in Jude 20 "your most holy faith" means the substance of the vision given to you by God. Jude 20 says when you pray in the spirit you build yourself on your most holy faith. It did not say when you pray in tongues you get this and that but it says when you pray in tongues you build. You are building up all of your being in order to fulfill the vision God has given you. See self is made up of many parts. Just as the physical body is made up of millions of cells and many organs that function separately, your soul or your self has many parts. It has an intellect; it has an emotion. It has many areas within each one and so when you pray in tongues it takes every part of you and brings every part of you to that vision.

Now the closest I can illustrate this is Psalms 107: 20 *He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.* When you meditate on the Word, healing comes. What happens when as an old organ, for example, a sickly heart is healed? A heart is made of many tissues and different cells so the Word of God causes new cells to be formed. The old ones are removed. New ones are formed part by part. It can happen instantly so that a new organ or new tissues are miraculously created. Supposing there are many parts of your body that are sickly. Then you need to meditate on the Word and the Word of God will give you health, life and strength from day to day, and so all your cells are renewed until it taste perfect health.

Now in your soul or your self, there are many parts of your soul that are not flowing with the Word of God. Many parts in your soul are not in line with the will of God for your life, which is the vision of God. By praying in the Spirit, you take of your self and you build it on your most holy faith. That means the vision of God for your life. The faith of God is the substance of things to come for your personal life. See when you pray in tongues you take your self and you build your self on the Word. You take your self and you bring your self to line up with the vision. The

day comes when all of your soul, all of your self comes perfectly in line with that vision. Your vision can just flow out through your soul and physically it starts manifesting. That's the practical aspect.

Therefore, the next time when you pray when you visualize, pray in tongues to build that vision up. We have said that you have to do things in line with the Word. You cannot visualize anything outside the Word or against the commandments of God. You visualize that which is for you in the will of God. That is the general view here. You can discover a specific view of your vision through your prayer time with God everyday as you visualize, confess, meditate and get it written into you. As you pray in tongues, you see that vision. See the vision could be a distance from you but as you pray in tongues, you and the vision become one. At first, you have the vision. Then the vision has you. When the vision has you now that is when the decreeing comes. You speak and the power flows to make it come to pass. Many people have the Holy Spirit but the Holy Spirit does not have them. Many people have the vision but the vision did not have them. That's the difference because when the vision consumes you, you will be like Paul. He says, "The Lord our God constrained me. Woe is me if I don't preach the gospel - I just have to go. The vision consumes me day and night." The vision so consumed him that he was able to go through the persecutions, through death threats, through shipwrecks, lashes, imprisonments and a host of other opposition.

When the vision consumes you, that is when it is ready to come forth. That's the practical part of visualizing. I am afraid many of God's people are not making use of their prayer language. They are baptized in the Spirit. They pray 15 minutes a year. They don't take advantage of the power that God has released - the supernatural ability to bring yourself to line up with the Word of God by praying in the Spirit. See by hearing you get the Word into you. By praying in tongues you get yourself into the Word. It is a beautiful combination. By hearing the Word and praying in the Spirit as you visualize your vision, your vision will come forth and materialize to the glory of God and the building up of the body of Christ.

