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RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 5:15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together **to hear, and to be healed** by Him of their infirmities. (NKJV)

The came first to hear. They didn't come to be healed first.

There was a man that came from the outside and they tore off the roof to get in. It doesn't say that the power of God was there to heal a man that tore off the roof.

The Pharisees and doctors of the law were there to oppose, reject, question and judge what Jesus was teaching.

Luke 5:17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.** (NKJV)

Luke 6:17-19 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to **hear Him and be healed** of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And **they were healed**. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and **healed them all.** (NKJV)

This all started with Jesus preaching and teaching and then there was power. It started with Jesus preaching and teaching.

Proverbs 4:10 **Hear**, my son, and **receive my sayings**, And the **years of your life will be many.** (NKJV)

Receiving what He said isn't automatic upon hearing what He said. It's God's will that we have a long life but many don't attain a long life. The Word of God reveals the Will of God.

Someone's experience or lack thereof doesn't determine the Will of God.

Proverbs 4:13 Take firm hold of instruction, **do not let go**; **Keep her**, for she is your life. (NKJV)

Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, **give attention to my words**; **Incline your ear** to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; **Keep** them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who **find them**, And health to all their flesh. **Keep** your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. (NKJV)

RECEIVE AND RESIST

RECEIVED 588 ἀποδέχομαι [apodechomai / ap-od-ekh-om-ah-ee/] v. From 575 and 1209; TDNT 2:55; TDNTA 146; GK 622; Six occurrences; AV translates as "receive" three times, "receive gladly" twice, and "accept" once. 1 to accept from, receive. 2 to accept what is offered from without. (Enhanced Strong's Lexicon)

The people received the Word of God. They searched the scriptures. This is part of being hungry for the Word of God.

Acts 2:41 Then those who **gladly received his word were baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them (NKJV)

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had **received the word of God**, they sent Peter and John to them, (NKJV)

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received the word with all readiness**, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. (NKJV)

RESIST 496 ἀντιπίπτω [antipipto /an-tee-pip-to/] v. From 473 and 4098 (including its alternate); GK 528; AV translates as “resist” once. 1 to fall upon, run against. 2 to be adverse, oppose, strive against. (Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon)

Acts 7:51 “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! **You always resist the Holy Spirit**; as your fathers did, so do you. (NKJV)

Acts 7:51 You stubborn and stiff-necked people, still heathen and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are **always actively resisting the Holy Spirit**. As your forefathers [were], so you [are and so you do]! (The Amplified Bible)

Two important things to learn in your life:

- *what or who to resist*
- *what or who to receive*

James 4:7 Therefore **submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee** from you. (NKJV)

FLEE 5343 φεύγω [pheugo /fyoo-go/] v. Apparently a primary verb; GK 5771; 31 occurrences; AV translates as “flee” 26 times, “escape” three times, and “flee away” twice. 1 to flee away, seek safety by flight. 2 metaph. to flee (to

shun or avoid by flight) something abhorrent, esp. vices. 3 to be saved by flight, to escape safely out of danger. 4 poetically, to flee away, vanish. (Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon)

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because **when you received the word of God** which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, **but as it is in truth, the word of God**, which also **effectively works in you who believe**. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, **but for what it really is, the word of God**, which also **performs its work in you who believe**. (New American Standard Bible)

Lack of results doesn’t prove the Word of God as false. Lack of results only reveals the lack of faith. Lack of results prove that the Word of God wasn’t believed. It doesn’t prove that it is not the Will of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For **the word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (NKJV)

Science is something that can be proven. Don’t let anyone tell you that something is science when it can’t be proven. The Power of God created our world. The Word of God upheld and framed our world.

Our entire life and eternity beyond this life will be the result of our response to His Word.

Hebrews 1:2-3 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also **He made the worlds**; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things by the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (NKJV)

FAITH IS THE RECEIVER/ CONDUCTOR

2 Timothy 3:5 having a **form of godliness but denying its power**. And from such people turn away! (NKJV)

Mark 5:24-34 And Jesus went with him; and a great crowd kept following Him and pressed Him from all sides [so as almost to suffocate Him]. And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for **twelve years**, And who had **endured much suffering** under [the hands of] many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was no better but instead grew worse. **She had heard the reports concerning Jesus**, and she came up behind Him in the throng and touched His garment, **For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health**. And **immediately her flow of blood was dried up at the source**, and [suddenly] she felt in her body that **she was healed of her [distressing] ailment**. And **Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth**, turned around immediately in the crowd and said, **Who touched My clothes?** And the disciples kept saying to Him, You see the crowd pressing hard around You from all sides, and **You ask, Who touched Me?** Still

He kept looking around to see her who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had been done for her, though alarmed and frightened and trembling, fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, **Daughter, your faith (your trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has restored you to health**. Go in (into) peace and **be continually healed** and freed from your [distressing bodily] disease. (The Amplified Bible)

Acts 10:38 how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (NKJV)

Why didn't Jesus say my power made you whole? Jesus said your faith has made you whole.

Why isn't healing power flowing to all these people who were touching Him. The power of God was available to all those folks in the room while Jesus was preaching and teaching.

Our faith is the receiver and conductor of the power of God. This is as real as electricity.

Faith comes from receiving the Word of God. Why were you born-again when and where you did? It was at that place and that time you received the Word of God and acted upon the Word of God. When you did that your faith conducted the Word of God.

People are trying to ascertain the Will of God by their experiences in this world. You can't make this assumption based upon your experiences.

A good conductor is something that has low resistance. People were touching Jesus but there was no flow. These people were in the same crowd with the woman who touched His garment.

- *Faith is a receiver*
- *Faith is a conductor*
- *Doubt is a resister*

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God.** (NKJV)

Matthew 10:12-14 And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, **let your peace come upon it.** But if it is not worthy, **let your peace return to you.** And **whoever will not receive you nor hear your words**, when you depart from that house or city, **shake off the dust from your feet.** (NKJV)

You don't receive God with your intellect. Faith is a choice of your heart. Your heart believes and receives. If you are scared there is resistance.

You must yield and you must receive. God will not make you do anything. You have to yield to His Power and not be afraid.

PEACE 1515 εἰρήνη [eirene /i-ray-nay/] *n f.* Probably from a primary verb eiro (to join); TDNT 2:400; TDNTA 207; GK 1645; 92 occurrences; AV translates as "peace" 89 times, "one" once, "rest" once, and "quietness" once. 1 a state of national tranquillity. 1a exemption from the rage and havoc of war. 2 peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord. 3 security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things

safe and prosperous). 4 of the Messiah's peace. 4a the way that leads to peace (salvation). 5 of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is. 6 the blessed state of devout and upright men after death. (Enhanced Strong's Lexicon)