

## **BACK TO THE BASICS OF FAITH**

### *Building Blocks for Your Vision-Part 1*

John 1:1 (NLT) is only a few words, but it packs a mighty punch. It says "*In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God.*" This verse is really too awesome to swallow in one bite. You have to slowly take it in, chew on it a bit, and savor the flavor...it's just that rich. Let's take it apart to digest it one small chewable bite at a time: The first part of John 1:1 tells us that in the beginning, before anything that is-was, God's Word was there. From this we can gather right from the giddy up that the Word of God was and is the framework for all that exists.

The fact that God's Word is the framework for all that exists is so obvious that its almost redundant to say, but say and write it we must. We have to do it as much as humanly possible, because it's very apparent what happens if we don't remind ourselves and others of the authority of God's Word; we forget, and then we start to look for authority in other things, that's how we ended up with kings, queens, and monarchs. Way back when...we made the mistake of giving people, places, and things a higher place of honor than we do our Creator, and we still struggle with that.

God spoke everything into being. Speaking is an action. God purposefully included in His Word the fact that He, the Almighty, literally and deliberately demonstrated this act of speaking. He wanted us to see that faith indeed requires some action; so He spoke. Before He spoke though, we should know that the building blocks were already there and established. His Word, the raw material of the universe, was present and in the form of everything that the naked eye cannot see.

Electrons...energy...and everything from which He would mold the universe already existed, but it could not come together on it's on. Sub-atomic molecules could not unite and meld into large concentrations of what we would consider to be objects. They couldn't do that because that's not how God set things up. He is a God of order, and His order...His Word must be followed to receive the results that He has promised. The Word came first, and it had to be put into action...it had to be spoken for things to come together and transform into something wonderful. Things do not come together unless a preceding action is executed. That's the Word.

For instance, you and I would not expect that matter and energy could begin to produce a chair out of thin air right before our very eyes. We would consider this a mere illusion. We know that first, a person would have to come to the conclusion that such a thing as a chair is needed, because folks need something to rest upon during the day. Secondly, the builder or designer

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would ponder and investigate the kind of materials that are best suited, and then the builder would determine how those materials can be maneuvered to construct a chair. He or she would design a blueprint, or something like that, to more clearly visualize what a chair looks like and how it will work. After this, the builder can begin to gather the materials and assemble them.

These logical steps are the framework...they are the framework to construct or build anything we desire. I have simplified them of course, but these steps symbolize an order by which a vision is transformed into reality. First, we recognize a need, secondly we think about what must be done to meet the need, and then we think about what kind of materials must be used to make it happen. These are the thinking, intellectual steps to transform something that isn't into something that is. Thinking in this way is one of the most amazing and important characteristics that separates humans from all other creatures; the fact that we can think about something, and then through corresponding action cause it to materialize.

Humans did not set up this order, God did. He showed us the way by allowing us to bear witness of how He created. Throughout Genesis 1, we see the Words of Heavenly Father as He spoke with all power and authority saying "*Let there be...*" Things converged, coagulated, and congealed as He called the universe into formation. The materials of electrons, energy, and matter were already there. These were the instruments of perfection that He caused to come together and manifest the thing He envisioned. Perfection came from the elements of perfection, for in the beginning the Word, which is 100% perfect, already existed. God simply had to speak it forth.

By divine design and example, God is showing us that when we take authority, when we operate within Him, we can speak the words and things will line up. They will not line up just for the sake of doing so. They will not line up by speaking any ol' thing or by thinking any ol' thought. They will line up as we move, think, and speak by the authority of God's Word, through the blessed name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Things....circumstances and situations...will line up because we have so saturated our minds and hearts with a higher understanding of the framework, that we are in the prime position to rightfully take authority.

The greatest misconception among many believers today, is this notion that they can take authority without understanding the framework. What do I mean by that? Well, from whence did authority come? Authority came from perfection! God is perfect and so is His Word. God's Word is the framework. If I refuse to line up my thoughts and actions with perfection, then how can I expect to get the results it causes. This is why we ought to live God's love, because everything we could ever desire is wrapped in it.

You see, God has done us a humongous, gi-normous, crazy favor by giving us the right and privilege to operate by, with, through, and in His Word. God gave Adam the authority to command all that he surveyed. This means that Adam could have 100% assurance that

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everything he touched would prosper. Adam could have full confidence in his authority because he knew that it came by way of God's Word, and that God's Word was infallible, incorruptible, and immutable. Before he sinned, Adam's unwavering trust in what God said made it possible for him to believe that he could act, and then receive corresponding and expected results. When he ceased to trust God's Word...well....you know the story. So, we have to understand and appreciate how true, accurate, and perfect that Word is, only then can we have the full assurance that the outcome we expect is the outcome we'll get.

Do you understand what I'm saying here? God has given you perfection to mold your life. He has given you perfection to call those things that are not as though they were. He has given you perfection to stand upon, so that you know beyond any uncertainty that you can stand and not fail. Unless you have the utmost respect for the authority of what God has given you, then your subconscious mind will always tell you to expect less than the best, because in your heart you won't believe in what He's given you. If in your heart you DO believe in what He's given you, guess what?....your actions will be those that line up with His Word.

The reason why we can't get the results we desire is because we do not wholeheartedly believe in the authority of God's Word. If we did, we would never, ever do anything contrary to it. Now, don't get it twisted. We live in an imperfect world and we are mortal, so while we're here in the earth there will always be parts of us that require work, but that has nothing to do with how we choose to think and speak. You don't have to BE perfect to THINK perfect. Any time you line up your thoughts with the Word of God, you are in alignment with perfection, because the Word is what? The Word of God is perfect, without any flaws whatsoever.

The Word of God is the raw material, its scriptures are the building blocks that we must use to mold and shape the vision for our lives. In the beginning it existed, but without putting it to use, it does not materialize the blessings we seek on its own. We have to put it into practice, and we must do so by allowing its precepts to so saturate our minds that it begins to change the way we think. When our thought life is consumed with the goodness of God, we feel elated; we have a sense that all is well, and if it isn't it soon will be. This feeling good translates to building something wonderful, because you can step up to the plate and have full confidence that the authority of the Word is backing you.. And not only that, you can expect nothing but miraculous wonder to converge upon your life. You can have this expectation because you know that if you put the Word of God in action, then perfect results are yours to claim.

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