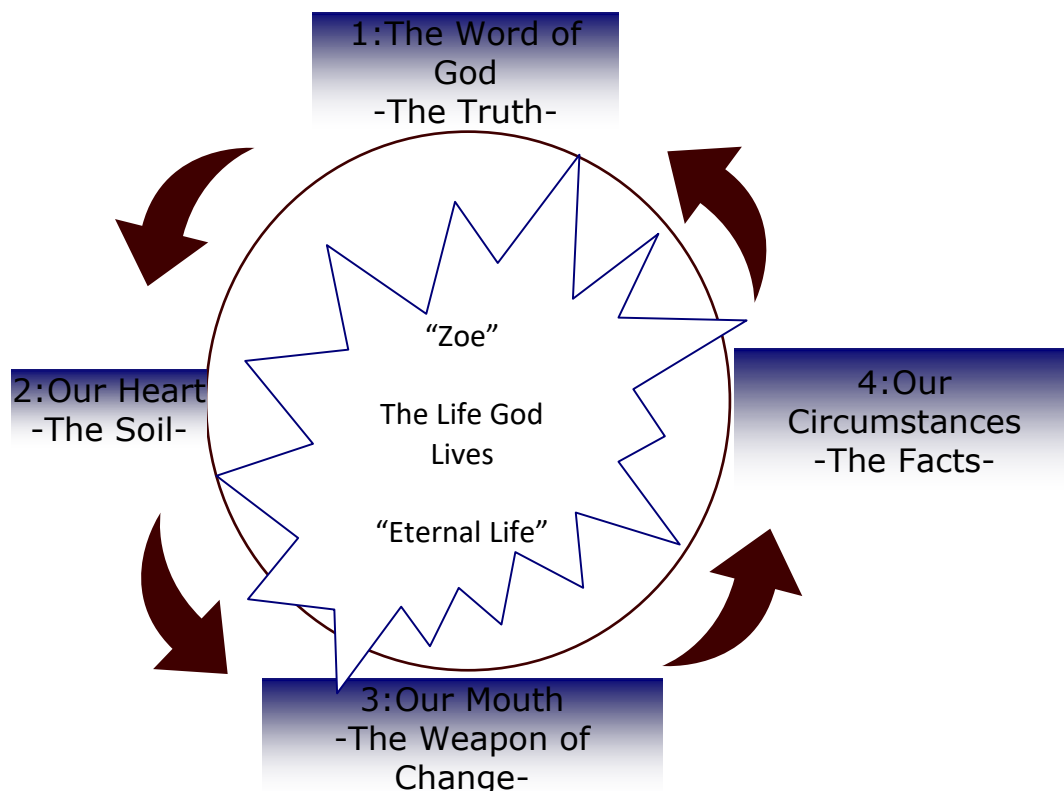


# THE CIRCLE OF ETERNAL LIFE



**TEXT:** Romans4:1-25  
**KEY VERSE:** Romans4:17,20,21

## I. Divine Nature Believes The Word First.

Romans4:17; II Corinthians5:7

1: God's Word is "All Truth."

John17:17; John8:31,32

- Whatever God's Word says is the truth in any situation. There was nothing but darkness. God's Word said, "Light BE!" "Light was!"<sup>1</sup> Genesis makes it very simple. **"and it was so."**
  - Lesson #1: EVERYTHING begins with God's Word.
  - Lesson #2: God's Word is ALWAYS so.

God Himself lives by the same faith.

## 2: We Must Fill Our Heart with The Truth

Joshua 1:8; Romans 10:17

The word must route in our hearts first, changing what we believe.

*"So, Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him,  
'If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples,  
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set  
you free.'"*

John8:31,32

(ESV)

First, these were believers. They had eternal life.<sup>2</sup> Jesus was saying, "You need something more to be set free. You need to become disciplined [governed, controlled] by the truth, so live in it." This is the road to freedom in our lives every day of our lives.

- First, settle it that God's Word is always the truth in any situation. [Notice where circumstances fit in the circle – LAST!]
- Second, fill up your heart with what the word says about your situation.

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*This requires you to **ignore** what your **situation** says about your situation!*

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*"So then faith cometh by hearing,  
and hearing by the Word of God."*

Romans10:17

(KJV)

"So then "; In other words, "as a conclusion to what I just said... " Faith will not fail to come when you continue in hearing the word of God, spoken and written on to your heart by the Holy Spirit. That's what God prophesied through the Prophet Ezekiel, 400 years before the Holy Spirit came to us at Pentecost. Also, notice what God said would happen to Israel's **circumstances** as a result. [v.29-38] And the final result is, "then they will know<sup>3</sup> That I am the Lord. " ... But I'm getting ahead of myself.

## 3: Our heart spills out of our mouth.

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1:3 [original Hebrew]

<sup>2</sup> John 3:36, 5:24, 6:40, 1John 5:13

<sup>3</sup> ultimately convinced Genesis 4: 1

“a good tree bears good fruit.”<sup>4</sup>

- How does that happen? A good tree has life in it.
- How does that happen? It feeds from a River of water.<sup>5</sup>
- How does that happen? By loving the word and meditating on it day and night.<sup>6</sup>
- The result? Everything prospers.<sup>7</sup>

Why does Jesus make an issue of this?

*“For by your words you will be justified,  
and by your words you will be condemned.”*

Matthew 12:37 (ESV)

*“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good,  
and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the  
abundance of his heart his mouth speaks.”*

Luke 6:45 (ESV)

God sure puts a lot of weight on words! Often, we do not. God says that our words put events into motion that either bring us life or death.<sup>8</sup> That's why Jesus made the effort to teach his disciples how to direct the authority of their faith filled words to move immovable objects.<sup>9</sup> When we live in the word, our heart fills up with it. When an obstacle appears in our path, our heart will speak what it sees. Our words filter through what is in our heart in abundance. Then we **say** what we truly **believe**, and it happens, because God said it would. That's how your words justify or condemn you. [God keeps pushing in my spirit how important

this is!]



Words of faith in the Word  
of Faith produce works of  
faith!

*“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us,  
we have confidence before God.”*

1 John 3:21 (ESV)

## DELIVERANCE

A heart that is filled to overflowing with this Word, will also be filled with faith. That will come out of our mouth and **move things!** Words of faith in the Word of Faith produce works of faith!

God said, “Zerubbabel, you must build the temple by the power of my Holy Spirit.” Then look what God says about him! “In the power of my spirit, no mountain will stop Zerubbabel! [hmm...Mark 11: 22, 23?] He began this house; he will finish it! And when he lays the last stone, he will shout the praises of my hand of favor! “ Notice verse 10: people will see what God does through you by faith! And they will praise God too! [I just had to stop typing and get up and have me a praise God spell! Glory to God !!] This is what God wants to do in your life! He's doing it in mine right now!

*“God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things*

<sup>4</sup> Psalm 1: 3B

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, 1: 3A

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, 1: 2

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, 1: 3B; Joshua 1: 8

<sup>8</sup> Proverbs 18: 21

<sup>9</sup> Mark 11: 22 -24

*which do not exist as though they did.”*

*Romans 4:17*

*(NKJV)*

God does it the same way he tells us to do it. This Bible is not a book of rules God wrote down for us. It is the way things work in his Kingdom. It is how **he** lives. That is what “eternal life” means, “the life God lives.” He's allowing **us** to live in it by faith. He is saying, “this is how I change things, even death!”<sup>10</sup> I speak what I believe, not what I see, and what I believe comes to pass. So, take the Word of Faith that I have **already** spoken, and put it in your heart, and speak it out of your mouth, and you will get the same results I got. “

4: The facts will change to align with the Word.

Mark 11: 22-24; Zechariah 4: 7; 1Samuel 17: 45

David spent his days meditating on God's Word as he tended sheep.<sup>11</sup> He learned to love God's Word, filling his heart with it. So, when he faced a lion, and a bear, and a nine-foot Philistine ... AND HIS ENTIRE ARMY, he called those things that be not what the Word called them. The Word of God that David loved told of God's protection on Joseph, and Israel's deliverance from Egypt, and conquering the land of Canaan. So, when he faced his own enemies, he spoke the Word,<sup>12</sup> and changed his circumstances, and saved all of Israel.

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*The word mixed with faith brings deliverance.*

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*“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost  
and with power, who went about doing good, and healing  
all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*

*Acts 10:38*

*(NKJV)*

God gives to us to give to others. God wants you to be saved, delivered, and healed; so you can guide others to the Savior, Deliverer, and Healer. Jesus' anointing gave him power to bring deliverance to the oppressed. We have the same anointing on us, and the same power.<sup>13</sup>

*“But you have an anointing from the Holy One,  
and you know all things.  
But the anointing which you have received  
from Him abides in you,\* and you do not need  
that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing*

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<sup>10</sup> John 11: 4 , 14 , 15, 23, 25, 26, 40 -44

<sup>11</sup> Psalm 23; 119: 11, 16, 89, 97, 105

<sup>12</sup> 1Samuel 17: 45 -47

<sup>13</sup> Mark 16: 15 -18

*teaches you concerning all things, and is true,  
and is no lie, and just as it has taught you,  
you will abide in Him."*

*IJohn2:20,27*

*(NKJV)*

*(\*The same as it did on Jesus. -John1:33)*

Our faith in the Word, written on our hearts, declared in confidence, will heal those who are beaten down by the devil. You and I can walk into someone's circumstances, as Jesus walked into the synagogue, and say:

*"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has  
anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has  
sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim  
liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the  
blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
to proclaim the acceptable year<sup>14</sup> of the LORD."*

*Luke4:18,19*

*(NKJV)*

"But isn't that blasphemy, being that bold? Jesus said that about himself"[v21]. 735 years before Jesus was born, Isaiah said those very words about **himself**.<sup>15</sup> It wasn't blasphemy for him under the old covenant, it isn't blasphemy for us.

*"Truly, truly, I say unto you, whoever believes in me  
will also do the works that I do; and **greater** works  
than these will he do, because I am going to My Father."*

*John14:12*

*(ESV emphasis added)*

Jesus does not consider it haughty for us to take his anointing spirit by faith and go set people free; rather, disobedient **not too**. He declared that this is exactly what we would do. So, go about doing good, healing all who are in bondage and plagued by the devil!

## **II. Human Nature Believes The Circumstances First.**

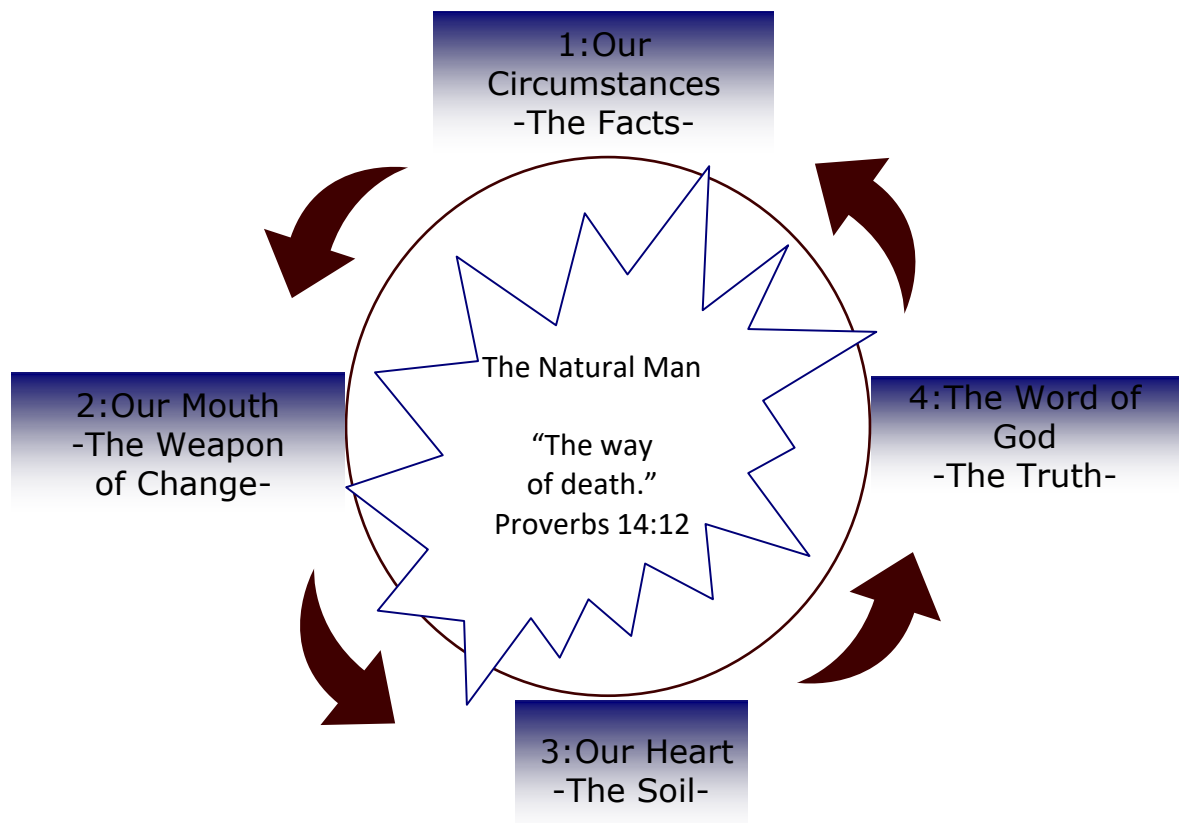
*"But the natural man receiveth not the things of God,  
for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know  
them, because they are spiritually discerned."*

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<sup>14</sup> Leviticus25:8-55

<sup>15</sup> . Isaiah 61: 1, 2

We walk by faith, not by sight,<sup>16</sup> but the natural man walks by what he sees. The aged, Apostle Paul was ready to go home to the Lord, but he was not discouraged that God was keeping him here. He understood that God had a purpose in it, <sup>17</sup>so he lived, believing in God and his will.



Look at the diagram above. The natural man begins with #1, “Circumstances”. When something happens to the man who is in the flesh, the biggest thing in his heart is his situation. His mind is captive to what is happening. So, #2, that's what he talks about. Then his words, #3, convince his heart that the situation is the truth. So, when he gets to the Word, [if he does], he will not see all the times in the Word God overruled the situation. “Oh, I know God did that, but that was David! He wouldn't do that for me, that was in the Bible.” “Of course, **Jesus** could do that, he was **God**.”

God instructed Moses to lead the Israelites into a trap, to deliberately show himself mighty against pharaoh. <sup>18</sup> Even taking pharaoh's first-born son did not turn his hardened heart. From that impossible situation, God not only defeated Israel's oppressor, he **eliminated** him! <sup>19</sup>

*“Your road led through the sea,*

*Your pathway through the mighty waters--*

***a pathway no one knew was there!***

*You led Your people along the road like*

*a flock of sheep,*

*with Moses and Aaron as their shepherds.”*

*Psalms 77:19,20*

*(NLT emphasis added)*

<sup>16</sup> 2Corinthians 5 : 7

<sup>17</sup> Philippians 1: 19 -26

<sup>18</sup> exodus 14: 1 -4

<sup>19</sup> Ibid, vs. 13,14

God knows the paths that  
are impossible for us to see!

## DELIVERANCE

...But you're going through!

When we trust what we see above what God's Word says, we place faith in vision that is limited, instead of God who sees all. God knows the pathways that are impossible for us to see! He had laid out Israel's route before creation, so He made that sea *with a highway across the bottom*, just waiting for the day.

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*God has the route of your life planned through some impossible territory!*

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*"The righteous shall live by faith."*

Romans 1:17

(ESV)

Once again, it comes down to believing God above everything else. It does not matter what is occurring, or what is happened for 1000 years. What did God tell you He will do **today**?

*"Remember not the former things, nor consider the*

*things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now*

*it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

***I will make a way in the wilderness***

*and rivers in the desert."*

Isaiah 43:18,19

(ESV emphasis added)

In order to cross impassable wilderness, you must first see with God's eyes. What He sees is written in his Word and shown to you by the Holy Spirit.<sup>20</sup> Your physical eyes are of no use.<sup>21</sup> When he declares that he is doing anything, believe that he will make a way. Put the Word he is spoken into your heart until it floods. And just let it overflow from your mouth.

Then watch Jericho fall!

Walk across the sea of Galilee!

Call Lazarus out from the dead!

Feed a multitude!

Open blinded eyes!

Free prisoners!

Glory to God!!

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<sup>20</sup> John 16: 13

<sup>21</sup> John 6: 63; 1 Corinthians 2: 9, 10