March 15th, 2026 We Walk by Faith: Part 5

- **We Walk by Faith Part 5:** "Speaking words of faith."
- Point 1: We believe and therefore we speak. **2 Corinthians 4:13**
  - This is the same context at 2 Cor 5:7, it isn't looking good, but faith remains! **2 Cor 4:16-18**
    - When you don't see the promise or the goal, speaking faith is an important skill to learn.
  - This is how we get started. **Romans 10:9-10**
    - We believe and therefore we speak. This solidifies and reinforces our faith.
    - This is also how we keep going! **Galatians 3:2-3**
  - Problem: what if we don't believe but have dark hearts?? **Matthew 12:34**
    - Or, maybe if we use **1 Corinthians 10:13** as an example of partial unbelief.
      - "I just can't stop!!" vs "I know there is a way out, and I'm believing to find it!!"
      - Don't speak darkness over yourself or others, that is destructive! Because…
- Point 2: Words Have Power. **Proverbs 18:21**
  - If you speak death, don't be surprised if you get it!! Big deal with parenting.
    - Tranette, "You are a good boy, don't do bad boy things."
    - Back to 1 Cor 10:13. Your words can actually help or hurt you in resisting temptation!
  - **James 3:1-12.** Our words steer our worlds.
    - Do you believe this? Our words have power? Have other people's words affected you??
    - Now, we can't play games with this. **Titus 1:16.** We have to "live" by faith too!!
      - Example: being a bad husband but claiming a good marriage. Nope.
- Point 3: Words of Faith Can Create New Things. **Romans 4:17**
  - Obviously true for God! **Genesis1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24**
    - None of those things existed, but God spoke them into being.
    - We are made in the image of God. **Genesis 1:26-27**
      - Do our words have that same creative power?? Well, not really, but **Matt 17:20.**
        - We believe, speak, and the mountain moves!! How does that work?
  - We get "vision" from God. Like, "plant a church in Lakewood" or "take the baton in Lakeside" or "a pastor will come to Bigfork" or "land will glorify God in Pakistan" or etc. etc.
    - Now, we don't get to make this up. So, how do we get vision from God??
      - How I used to pray: "Lord, what do you want me to do?"
      - How I pray: "Lord, what do you want to do? And, what is my role in that?"
    - I believe God wants a church in Lakewood. I believe God wants Lakeside and Bigfork to thrive. (Why?) I believe God want to pull the Body of Christ together in the Twin Ports. I believe God wants to help starving mothers in Pakistan. And a whole lot of other things!
  - You can get vision for your life, family, ministry, etc. Then speak words of faith over that!!
    - Then, "nothing will be impossible for you"!!
- Point 4: We will all give an account of the words we say. **Matthew 12:36-37**
  - I don't have to tell you that this generation is in trouble for the words they speak. Not good.
    - Not you though!! You use your words for God's good works prepared for you!!
  - Don't strike down God's plan with your negative words. Like…
    - Lakeside isn't a place where churches can succeed. The water is poisoned in Bigfork. Raising $100,000 for Pakistan is ridiculous. ($318,000 last year!!) I can't get healed. God can't use me. Serving the Lord is pointless. I'm trapped with no way out. Etc.
    - NO!! We will speak words of faith!!
  - Sins of omission vs sins of commission.
    - I expect we will give an account for the words we failed to say. Let's speak faith!!!
    - Next week: eyes of faith. This is key to speaking words of faith!!
- Thank you so much for being here today! Email prayer@goodhope.ag to put in a prayer request.