



That Dumb Devil

Mark 9:17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Luke 11:14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Before I start, I want to offer a disclaimer.

The devil is not dumb.

Paul said, II Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

The devil is very sly and cunning.

I am not telling you that the devil is dumb, for he is not.

In fact I am telling you the opposite.

I read to you of how Jesus set free a man who had been possessed by a devil.

A dumb devil, if you will.

When the Bible refers to this spirit as dumb, it is not referring to its intelligence.

The dictionary has two different meanings for the word dumb.

One being:

lacking in intelligence: STUPID

And the other being:

lacking the power of speech

Allow me to tell you what how I feel that the enemy is trying to attack the church in these last days in which we live.

I feel like one of the most oppressing spirits that the church faces today is the spirit of that “dumb devil”

The devil realizes what Jesus’ commandment was to you and I.

It was, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Jesus commanded us to go and communicate to the world.

Without communication, things come to a complete stand still.

Nothing happens.

In fact confusion sets in.

- Tower of Babel

Jesus disciples took him literally at his word.

They began to preach it everywhere they went.

Acts 6:6 ...and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

But notice what the word was doing.

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The word was bringing faith, and when faith begins to grow, anything is possible.

There is power in the Word of God.

- Jesus speaking peace be still

- Jesus standing at Lazarus’ tomb

Solomon said in Proverbs 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue:

This scripture tells us the power of the kingdom of God.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

For while you are speaking good things for God, at the same time, those same words are tearing down the strongholds of the enemy!

It’s time to speak in faith like never before.

The Word brings life!

The devil wants to stop it.

He wants to stop our witnessing

But Paul told Timothy, whatever you do, just keep preaching to Word.

Preach the Word!

Sometimes you preach more with your actions that you do with you mouth.

Don’t let the devil overcome you with a dumb spirit, Speak the Word.

God wants to set some people free right now!