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Faith & Trust

God's Word Brings Miracles and Healing

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

From creation to Jesus' miracles, Scripture repeatedly shows that God's word is not mere information—it carries power. When God speaks, impossibilities shift, sickness yields, storms obey, and bondage breaks. This study traces how God sends His word and how people are changed when they trust and act on what He says.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 1:1-3

Psalms 33:8-9

Psalms 107:20

Isaiah 38:1-8

John 5:2-9

Mark 4:35-41

Key Takeaways

- God's word creates and commands reality; what He says stands.
- God's promises confront human impossibility and call for faith-filled response.
- God can send His word to heal and deliver from destruction, not only to inform.
- Jesus' spoken instruction often requires obedience (rise, go, come, launch out) that activates change.
- Christ's authority extends over sickness, storms, demonic oppression, and long-term bondage.
- Reverence for God's speaking (awe, trust, action) is a consistent posture in the passages.

Introduction

A scheduled meeting can be delayed when a higher authority intervenes. In a far greater way, Scripture shows that the Lord can intervene with a single word—reversing death sentences, ending long afflictions, breaking repeated failure, driving out darkness, and calming sudden storms. This study focuses on the authority of God's word and the call to welcome Christ into the "boat" of one's life so His peace and saving power can rule there.

Scripture Reading

- **Isaiah 38:1-8** — King Hezekiah receives a death message, prays, and God sends the prophet back with a new word: fifteen more years are added.
- **Psalm 33:8-9** — God's creative authority: when He speaks, it happens.
- **Genesis 18:9-14** — God promises Abraham and Sarah a son despite advanced age; nothing is too hard for the Lord.
- **John 5:2-9** — Jesus heals a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years by commanding him to rise.
- **Psalm 107:20** — God sends His word to heal and deliver from destruction.
- **Luke 5:1-7** — After a night of failure, Peter obeys Jesus' word and experiences an overwhelming catch.
- **Genesis 1:1-3** — God speaks light into existence; darkness yields to His command.

Scripture Reading (cont.)

- **Mark 10:46-52** — Bartimaeus receives sight when Jesus speaks in response to his cry for mercy.
- **Mark 5:2-20** — Jesus delivers the demon-possessed man; destructive powers lose their hold when Christ speaks.
- **Mark 4:35-41** — A sudden storm threatens the boat; Jesus rebukes the wind and commands peace.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** — Life in Christ brings new creation—old things pass away; all things become new.

Key Points

1. God's word carries final authority: Scripture emphasizes that when the Lord speaks, reality must align (Psalm 33:8-9).
2. A death sentence is not final when God overrules: Hezekiah's life was extended by a new word from God (Isaiah 38:1-8).
3. Human impossibility does not cancel divine promise: God's word can bring fruitfulness where people see barrenness (Genesis 18:9-14).
4. Long-standing conditions are not too long for Christ: Jesus addressed a thirty-eight-year illness with a direct command (John 5:2-9), consistent with God sending His word to heal and deliver (Psalm 107:20).
5. Repeated failure can turn at the point of obedience: Peter's 'at Your word' response preceded a breakthrough (Luke 5:1-7).
6. Darkness must yield when God speaks: the command 'Let there be light' establishes a pattern—God's word drives out darkness (Genesis 1:1-3).

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- In Isaiah 38:1-8, what changed between the first message to Hezekiah and the second message? What role did prayer play?
- Across the passages (John 5:2-9; Mark 10:46-52; Mark 4:35-41), what do you notice about how brief Jesus' commands are and what follows them?
- In Luke 5:1-7, what words show Peter's tension between experience ("I know") and obedience ("at Your word")?
- In Mark 5:2-20, list the signs that the man's life was being destroyed before Jesus spoke, and the signs of restoration after.

Interpretation

- Psalm 107:20 says God 'sent His word' to heal and deliver. What does this teach about God's power and the way He works?
- What might 'Jesus must be in your boat' mean in practical spiritual terms (Mark 4:35-41)? How is that different from merely knowing about Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus asked questions like 'Do you want to be made whole?' (John 5:6) and 'What do you want Me to do for you?' (Mark 10:51) before acting?
- How do Genesis 1:1-3 and Genesis 18:9-14 together shape a biblical view of "impossible situations"?

Application

- Identify one area that feels like a 'storm' (fear, conflict, uncertainty, pressure). What would it look like to invite Christ's rule into that area this week (Mark 4:35-41)?
- Where have you experienced repeated failure or disappointment? What is one 'at Your word' step of obedience you can take (Luke 5:1-7)?
- Is there a 'darkness' you need Christ to drive out (shame, addiction, oppression, despair)? What Scripture will you pray back to God (Genesis 1:3; Psalm 107:20)?
- If you have not surrendered your life to Christ, what is one reason you have kept Him 'outside the boat'? What would repentance and trust look like for you today (2 Corinthians 5:17)?
- As a group, pray specifically: (1) for peace where there is turmoil, (2) for healing and deliverance, and (3) for salvation and new beginnings.

Prayer Focus

- Increase my faith to trust the Word of God above fear and circumstances.
- Speak, Lord—bring healing and deliverance where bondage and sickness persist.
- Give me obedience to act "at Your word" even after repeated failure.
- Rule in my storm with Your peace and authority, Jesus.

Next Step

Choose one "impossible" area and respond with a specific step of obedience while praying God's Word over it daily.

Conclusion

The consistent pattern in Scripture is that God's word is decisive: He can extend life, create fruitfulness, heal long afflictions, reverse failure, drive out darkness, and calm storms. The central response is not merely to admire His power but to welcome Christ fully—trusting Him, obeying His word, and receiving the new life He gives. Where ...

Conclusion (cont.)

Jesus is received and His word is believed, change follows.

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