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Dear Friends,

I am so excited about what God is doing through this ministry and I am thrilled you are partnering with us during this time of growth and increase!

These are tremendous days to be serving our wonderful Lord Jesus. This year alone, Tom Leding Ministries will preach to millions in our meetings and television appearances both in North America and around the world. It is incredible to stand back and watch as God opens doors of opportunity so we can fulfill His mandate to lead His people out of poverty into divine prosperity and success. With your help, we will continue to preach the life-changing Gospel and see the power of God touch people's lives in an ever-increasing measure!

Recently I was reading Second Kings Chapter 7, the story of the four lepers who sat by the gates of the city of Samaria, starving and waiting to die. A terrible famine prevailed throughout the land and the Syrian army was about to wipe the people who lived there out of existence. But just about the time it looked darker than dark and defeat was everywhere, one of the lepers had a Godly thought: *Why do we sit here until we die? Why should we just wait for our defeat?* (v. 3).

You know, right in the middle of our worst moment — our midnight hour — when the smell of fear and failure is so strong it can make us sick to our stomach, I believe God is closer to us than our very breath. However, it is up to us to seek Him with all our hearts, even in the midst of our darkest hour (Matt. 6:33). It is up to us to change our thinking and to ask ourselves, Why sit **WE** here until we die?

For all practical purposes, those four lepers were defeated. No matter which way they turned, no matter which angle they looked at their situation, everything seemed to cry out, "You're finished!" But then God...

That's the way it always is with God in every difficult situation you face, He has already prepared a way of deliverance. Even in the middle of the darkest midnight hour, He can still hear your cry. The question you need to ask yourself, however, is this: What is God hearing from my mouth when He inclines His ear in my direction?

God declares all through the Bible that words have the power to form our future. For instance, Genesis chapter 1 reveals He **spoke** this very world into existence. Psalm 107:20 says, *He sent His Word and healed His people.*

Throughout the Bible, we see this pattern of **people speaking forth the life-changing power of God's Word by faith**. In this case, the four lepers declared their victory in the middle of what looked like their defeat, but in reality, these four men were **not** defeated. Their cry was not a cry of defeat, but a cry of victory, spoken in faith as they trusted God for a miracle. God performed that miracle, for He always responds to an attitude of faith and victory that says, "Let's bring God into the middle of this mess!"

Whatever storm you are facing right now, you can be sure that God will hear and answer you as you maintain this *same* attitude of faith. However, that attitude doesn't just come automatically because you're a Christian. You must make a conscious choice to respond to life's challenges in faith.

Perhaps *you* have heard the old saying, "You can either wake up each day saying, 'Good morning, Lord,' or 'Good Lord, it's morning!'" The outcome of any situation depends on whether you respond to it in doubt and unbelief or in faith that, one way or another, God will come through for you.

I believe God is listening to us with great anticipation. He's just waiting for us to cry out in faith, "Hey, devil, I don't walk by sight. I walk by faith, and my faith is in God who cannot fail! I'm striking a blow for my own deliverance. I refuse to sit here until I die. I'm rising up in my spirit, in my attitude, and in my faith, and I am trusting God for a mighty miracle!"

Why are our words so important to God? Because He knows the power that lies within the spoken word. As Proverbs 18:21 (NIV) says, "*The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*" That's why God commands us to continually speak words of faith.

How can we know that our words arise from faith? Faith always talks about the **solution**, not the **problem**. Many times we get it backwards. We talk about the problem so much that all we can see and think about is the problem. As a result, our lives become a never-ending cycle of problems — all because we fail to cry out to God and declare the solution to our problems by faith in Jesus' Name.

Romans 8:11 says, "*the same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead dwells in us and gives life to our mortal bodies.*" Think of it! The same life-giving, devil-defeating power of God that delivered Jesus out of His darkest hour lives inside of you, and me, and is *always* available to bring us out of the trials we face each day!

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) says, "*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" We have been *listening* to the words of sin, sorrow, sickness, debt and defeat all our lives, but now it's time to hear the Word of God that says, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Phil. 4:13 NKJV)!

Our words must line up with God's Words regarding the situations we are dealing with today. As we operate in the faith of God, believing His Word in our hearts and *refusing to doubt* (Mark 11:22,23), we will begin to see miracles happen. God will go to work on our behalf to make our faith-filled words come to pass!

We must daily renew our commitment to walk by faith in every situation so we don't slip back into our old *ways* of "stinking thinking." I know this from personal experience. Awhile back I said to my wife Sue regarding some of the tough challenges I was facing at the time, "Things are getting so bad that even my problems have problems!"

That wrong **attitude** had been gaining strength in my thought life over a period of time, but I was about to get a wakeup call. I'll never forget Sue's reply to me at that moment.

She said, "Yes, Tom, that's probably the way it seems in the natural. And as long as you keep confessing it, that's exactly what you're going to continue to have — nothing but problems!" As you might imagine, my wife's words put a quick end to my negative confession!

Jesus said in Mark 11:23 that *we can have what we say*. In this case, I had been *saying* debt and all sorts of other obstacles were coming against my life and my ministry. But that day I declared to myself, to the devil, and most of all to *God* that I would not sit there until I died. I decided to do *exactly* what the Bible declares — I would strike a blow for my own deliverance!

First, **I changed my words**. I declared that **every** word that came out of my mouth would line up with the Word of God and that I would declare victory, *not* defeat. **In other words, I stopped talking to God about my problems and started talking to my problems about my God!**

My words began to “talk my future” — the future that God has planned for me according to Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): “*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*” I started talking to God about God, not about my problems. I lifted my voice to speak forth something of true value — that is, praise and worship to the Lord.

You see, I desperately needed God to come into every situation I was facing at the time. And since God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3), the best thing I could do was to engage in “praise talk,” not “problem talk”!

The second thing I did was **sow seed, both personally and from the ministry, into good ground as God directed**. Throughout the Bible, God directs us to bring our tithes and offerings to Him. In Malachi 3:10-11, we are told to bring our tithes and offerings into His storehouse (a place or ministry that is doing a good work for His Kingdom). As we do our part, He promises to:

- ✓ Open the windows of Heaven.
- ✓ Pour out such a blessing that we won’t even have room enough to contain it all.
- ✓ Rebuke the devourer for our sakes.

Think of it! All we have to do is obey God concerning our seed — our tithes and offerings — and He promises to open the windows of Heaven and pour out such great quantities of blessing upon our lives that we will find it impossible to contain it all. Consider the essence of Heaven that is thus made available to us. I’m telling you, when God pours out a blessing from Heaven, it is blessed!

God also promises to rebuke the devourer. This is talking about the devil, who always comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). **God will rebuke the enemy for your sake**. And I guarantee you, when God rebukes the devourer, the devil knows that he has been rebuked!

The word “rebuke” implies the message, “Stop it — that’s enough!” Now consider what happens in the spiritual realm the moment God lifts His mighty hand and commands Satan concerning you, “**Stop it — that’s enough!**” I believe it is the moment something begins to change for the better in your circumstances!

Let’s look again at the two steps God instructed me to take in order to strike a blow for victory in my life:

1. I **changed my words** to line up with God’s Word.
2. I **planted my seed** in obedience to God’s Word and **released my faith** and began to expect a harvest of miracles in Jesus’ Name.

Now, I want you to conduct a Holy Spirit, Bible-based checkup on your own spiritual walk. Ask yourself these two questions:

1. Are my words lining up with God's Word, declaring victory and not defeat no matter what circumstances I face?
2. Have I been sowing my seed into the Gospel so that I can ask God to open the windows of Heaven, pour out an uncontainable blessing on my life, and rebuke the devourer for my sake?

I encourage you to apply this Scriptural method for God's deliverance to every situation you face today. Then begin to expect a miracle — not a mess, but a miracle — in Jesus' Name!

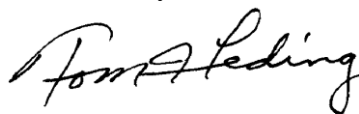
After you have checked up on your words and your seed, I want you to take another important step toward your deliverance. Matthew 18:19 declares the power in the prayer of agreement. Therefore, I ask that you fill out the prayer sheet I've sent you. Write down your prayer requests; then lay your hands on that prayer sheet and release your faith for your manifested answers. After you have done that, send the prayer sheet to us here at Tom Leding Ministries so we can also release our faith on your behalf.

We will begin to believe God for His miracle-working power to be activated in your life and in your situation as you obey Him and apply His principles to the needs you are facing. Let us join our faith with yours and stir up the power of God that is well able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ever ask or think (Eph. 3:20)!

One more thing I believe we are in a divine season of harvest. I, therefore, want to invite you to become an Isaiah 54:17 Partner of this ministry, if you have not already done so. Isaiah 54:17 Partners are a special group of faithful prayer partners and supporters whose regular monthly giving provides essential financial stability to this ministry. As one of our partners, you enable us to faithfully minister to God's people around the world under His direction and by His grace. Thank you so very much for your prayers and your financial support in getting this message of prosperity and success to the Body of Christ all over the world!

God has established a clear formula for success in His Word. So why sit we here until we die? Let's strike a blow for our deliverance today!

Your Prayer Partner,



Tom Leding

P.S. I encourage you to take time today to send in your prayer request, along with your \$54.17 seed (which is representative of Isaiah 54:17). I want to kneel at the altar of prayer and lay my hands on your prayer request, joining my faith with yours for a miraculous financial breakthrough in your life. We are believing God to take the devil's hands off your finances. No weapon formed against you shall prosper! And while we're at it, let's believe God together for a miracle breakthrough in every area of your life!