

The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind

Study Guide

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REVELATION SETS THE BOUNDARY LINES FOR YOUR FAITH

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing
by the word of God (ROMANS 10:17).

Revelation is not for some extremely gifted or special people; it's available to all believers. All of us have been given the great privilege of being able to hear the Word of God. We recognize that the supreme revelation of the Word was given to us in the form of Jesus Christ, and then printed in the form of sacred Scripture. At the same time, Romans 10:17 brings another dimension to this process. We need to move beyond this idea that faith comes simply by reading the Bible and memorizing certain verses. This is helpful, but not the be all, end all of what Paul is saying here.

In the original Greek language, Paul is saying his—faith comes by hearing (*akoe*: instruction, namely *oral*) and hearing by the *rhema* of God. A key definition of the word *rhema* is "that which is or has been uttered by the *living voice*" As believers, faith comes by studying Scripture, but also by hearing the *living voice* of God. This is the nature of revelation. It takes realities we may pass over multiple times in Scripture, and places a divine, living emphasis on them.

Why is hearing the *living voice of God* essential for walking in faith and living a supernatural lifestyle? Your faith cannot go beyond what you have been exposed to in revelation. Revelation sets the boundary lines for what you believe. I can read Bible verses day after day about God's healing power, or see examples in the Gospels where Jesus healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, and raised the dead, but if those truths remains words on a page, and if the testimonies remain ancient stories, I am going to live in such a way today that is detached from what happened then.

We were never designed to approach Scripture this way. Paul reminds us that we have received the Holy Spirit, and He is the Author of all revelation. He notes that the "letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (2 Cor. 3:6), For us to study the Bible without the expectation of hearing the living voice of God, we can easily travel down the road toward intellectualism. We just add to a Bible knowledge base, rather than build our faith to believe for the impossible. Revelation prevents us from taking this route, for it keeps us ever in tune to the living voice that brings three-dimensionality to Scripture. The breath of God is upon its pages, and we begin to see what we had not seen before. The concepts and the stories are relevant for us today. Revelation then takes what we see and hear, and uses it to set our boundary lines of belief.

As long as I shun the revelation that God wants everybody to be healed and whole, I have cut myself off from releasing faith in that area. Revelation actually enlarges the arena that our faith can function in.

TRANSFORMATION THOUGHT

Revelation sets our boundary lines of belief. It takes us beyond reading a book or hearing words, and, through the living voice of God, shows us the relevance and prophetic application of the concepts and testimonies in Scripture for our lives today.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does revelation set boundary lines for belief? How can it be possible for us to read the Bible, but still place limitations on our faith?

2. Read Romans 10:17 again. What does the reality of the living voice of God mean to you when it comes to reading Scripture and building your faith?

TRANSFORMATION PRAYER

Father, thank You for the gift of Your living voice. I am a son/daughter of God, and Your Word says that I am led by Your Holy Spirit. Continue to open my eyes and ears to receive greater revelation from Your Word so that the boundary lines of my faith are increased and I release greater breakthrough toward the impossibilities of life.