



Empowering People to Change the World

Faith Builders I: Rhema Word

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Mark 4:20 | Supplements for New Spiritual Energy 1- Rhema Word Supplement

Announce:

- Tomorrow at 11am join us for a Road Picnic at 11am at Black Forest Regional Park. Bring your own food, chairs and games. We will hang out till about 2pm
- Next Friday night at 7pm, join us for our first seminar, called “Making Disciples” with Pastor Roc Bottomly. We will continue the seminar on Saturday from 9am-noon
- Email theroadcs@gmail.com to get on our list

Testimony: Don and Carol Hulin

Faith Builders: Supplements for New Spiritual Energy

- We are in the Gospel of Mark, “The Messy Gospel”
- In chapters 4 and 5, Jesus is discipling his men and us in the School of Faith, how we walk and live a life of faith
- Jesus is showing us that our faith will be tested:
 - Dilemmas of life
 - Demons
 - Disease
 - Death
- Last week we covered the two great “faith busters”: 1) Fear, and 2) Taking offense

So, how do we Build up our Faith?

- It's similar to how we build up and maintain our physical body with vitamin supplements. Your body needs certain vitamins and enzymes to be strong
 - Daily spiritual vitamins that boost our immune system
 - Strengthen our fleshly sinful antibodies
 - Develop spiritual muscles
 - Building up a strong heart
 - "Building wholehearted disciples of Jesus"

- I want to talk about "Faith supplements" that will build up your heart

- Spiritual homeopathics—I believe that every Jesus Disciple has the energy and power for supernatural faith. I believe that because Jesus said it again and again...
 - **Mark 4:20** But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

 - **Mark 5:34** And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

 - **Mark 5:36** "Do not be afraid; only believe."

- Are you aware that the overwhelming majority of what you see on TV, in movies, and what you hear from our culture, is poisoning your faith? And that Satan wants to keep poisoning your faith so that you stay sick, tired, depressed, and frustrated?

- God has given us supernatural cures for our destructive lives, for our fears!

- 1) **"Rhema Word Supplement." God's Word builds up our Faith. It is the Vitamin C of Faith**

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

- **John 15** *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*
- How does this work? Abide in God's Word and our prayers will be answered?
- **Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
 - There are two words for Word of God.
 - The word used here is "logos." Which commonly indicates the expression of a complete idea and it is used of all of scripture.
 - The Word of God is the "words of God" to us. They are the logos, the living, active, growing, dynamic "said Word of God" to us, containing life changing promises and stories
 - The Word of God is powerful—the word for "powerful" is "energes"
 - It is the energy of God flowing into us

- But it isn't enough to just read and even meditate on Scripture...

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

- The other word used for Word is found here, and don't miss this, it's the word "rhema."
 - The "Rhema of God" brings faith. Rhema is the specific word to you!
 - Logos is the "Said Word of God," but Rhema is the "Saying Word of God," rhema is the living nature of the Spirit flowing through the pages of scripture
 - This is when the Promises of God become A Promise from God to your situation
 - As we go through dilemmas of life, disease and sickness, maybe even death, the promises and love of God must become specific and centered on your issue—the logos becomes the rhema
 - "Faith comes" this is the coming of faith through the Word of God as you read, listen, meditate on, and think about the meaning of a promise
- The Rhema Supplement builds up your heart, consider the words of Psalm 119:

2 Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!¹

10 With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,

¹ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ps 119:2). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

That I might not sin against You.
12 Blessed *are* You, O LORD!
Teach me Your statutes.²

32 I will run the course of Your commandments,
For You shall enlarge my heart.³

58 I entreated Your favor with *my* whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to Your word.⁴

Listen, you can't get the rhema without the logos! You have to be daily reading in God's Word before God can give you His Word for you! The logos leads to rhema!

Tomorrow at Black Forest Regional Park at 11am...

This Friday night, come and join us as we hear from Pastor Roc Bottomly...

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ps 119:10–12). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

³ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ps 119:32–33). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

⁴ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ps 119:58). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.