

# CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

## Consider the Dream to Build

- I. **Ezra 1:1-5 & 4:1-5, 24** - These people had a dream to build. But when they were faced with the reality of what it takes to build, the dream began to fade until it died.
  - A. We need to Dream dreams with God - Psalm 126:1  
DREAM = chalam ^2492^, "to become healthy or strong; to dream."
    1. **It's God's word that stimulates us to Dream.**
      - God's word gave me a dream for my life, for my family for my future.
      - **The word will tell you how it is before it is**
    2. 2 Corinthians 5:7 - for we walk by faith, not by sight-- (NAS)
  - B. Hebrews 11:6 - All that I want to teach you can be summed up in this statement:  
*"You've got to say what you hear, if you want to see what you said."*
    1. We are going to restore faith back into our message and our lives - Faith Meter?
    2. **Mis-use and abuse shouldn't mean dis-use - Enemy deal with truth in two ways**
    3. Romans 10:8-10 - God puts His word in both the heart and the mouth.
      - a. **In the heart so that man might believe**
      - b. In the mouth so that man might speak
      - c. **The mouth and the heart are two ends of the same instrument**
      - d. Both are needed in the process of faith.
    4. **The Greek word for CONFESS is "homologeo" = "to speak the same thing."**
    5. God speaks a word to our heart so we will believe.
      - a. **He puts that same word in our mouth.**
      - b. So that we will speak the same thing that God spoke.
      - c. **The Lord doesn't want us to just believe what He says He wants to have what he says.**
      - d. So with our heart we believe and become righteous and with our mouth we speak and become whole.

## II. Tonight I want to talk with you about “*Hearing & Believing - Speaking & Seeing*”

### A. Hearing & Believing

#### 1. 2 Greek words for “Word Of God” Logos & Rhema

##### a. **Logos = Expression of Thought - Logos produces knowledge**

1) John 1:1

2) **Matthew 25:25** (My words will not pass)

##### b. Rhema = That which is spoken personally - Rhema’s produce faith.

1) **Matthew 4:4** (man does not live)

2) John 6:68 (words of life)

3) **Ephsians 6:17** - this is not referring to the whole bible, but to the Individual scriptures that God has quickened to our hearts in a time of need.

##### c. It’s when the written word in our mind becomes a living word in our heart.

1) **Logos will make you smarter - Rhema will make you better**

2) Logos will build an audience - Rhema will build an army

3) **Logos will make you educated - Rhema will make you effective**

##### d. It’s what I call hearing in faith - “The word of Faith.”

1) **I heard that Jesus died for my sin**

2) I heard that God loved me just the way I was

3) **I heard the Holy Spirit was for today.**

##### e. John 10:3 - Only Sheep hear His voice not lambs.

#### 2. **God speaks to our heart not our mind.**

##### a. The heart is spiritual, the mind is natural

##### b. **Proverbs 14:10** The heart knows things that the minds doesn’t

##### c. We study the logos with our mind but we hear a Rhema with our heart.

##### d. **We study the logos with our mind but we hear a Rhema with our heart.**

#### 3. Once the Supernatural word comes to the heart it begins to dialogue with the natural mind - Mark 8:15-19

##### a. **Greek word for discuss is “*Dialogizomai*.”**

- b. We hear two words in that “*dialogue*” and “*logic.*”
  - c. **Dialoging logically with the natural mind the supernatural word results in**
    - 1) A dimming of the spiritual eyes.
    - 2) **The thickening of the spiritual ears.**
    - 3) The hardening of the heart.
    - 4) **And a forgetting of what God has done in the past.**
  - d. It’s not that God stops speaking it’s that I’m going deaf.
  - 4. **The real challenge of faith is that when God speaks to our hearts that we don’t let our minds reason away the supernatural with the natural.**
    - a. Prayed for a guy in prison (failed)
    - b. **Paid someone’s dental bill (succeeded)**
    - c. I have decided not to make financial decisions based on whether I have it, but on what God has said.
    - d. **Do you make financial decisions based on your ability to give or on His ability to supply. Proverbs 19:17**
    - e. Faith is a risk, lets quit playing it safe. If we fail, lets fail while daring
  - 5. **Reasoning will make us adjust what God has said to fit our facts - Faith will make us adjust our facts to fit what God has said.**
  - 6. When God speaks do I respond according to what I have or what He has.
    - according to what I know or what He knows.**
    - according to what I can do or what He can do.
  - 7. Mark 9:9-10 - Why is it in Christianity we will only get involved if we can understand it with our minds.
    - a. **I don’t understand aerodynamics but I still get on a plane.**
    - b. I don’t understand E-mail or fax machines but I still use them
    - c. **God speaks from where He is at - I hear from where I am at.**
- B. Speaking and Seeing - If I believe it, I need to say it, if I want to see it.

**“Only God can call those things that are not as though they were” Rom 4:17**  
 “Only God’s word is alive” Not mine

**2 Corinthians 4:13** *“But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we also believe, therefore also we speak.”*

C. As in the NT there are two Hebrew words in the OT that are translated “the word of God.”

**1. Like “logos” the Hebrew word “imrah imparts the knowledge of God.**

An example of this can be found in Psalm 119:11, *“Thy word (imrah) I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against thee.”*

**2. Like “Rhema” the Hebrew word “dabar” imparts the faith of God.**

An example of this can be found in Genesis 15:1, *“After these things the word (dabar) of the Lord came to Abram in a vision saying, do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great.”*

**3. Knowing this will help you to understand the following scriptures:**

Jeremiah 23:28-29 *“The prophet who has a dream may relate [his] dream, but let him who has My word (dabar), speak My word (dabar) in truth. Is not My word (dabar) like fire? declares the Lord.”*

Jeremiah 5:14 *“Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, Because you have spoken this word (dabar), Behold, I am making My words (dabar) in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.”*

4. Notice the words don’t become fire (inflamed with power) until the prophet speaks them.

**a. We have no problem saying I’m redeemed.**

- 1) But we struggle to say I am delivered.
- 2) **But if God has put His deliverance in your heart and mouth**
- 3) Than that word becomes fire and all your bondages become wood.

**b. We can say I’m justified**

- 1) but we struggle to say I am healed.
- 2) **But if God has put His healing in your heart and your mouth.**
- 3) Than that word becomes fire and all your infirmities become wood.

**You’ve got say what you hear, if you want to see what you said. Not, I’ve got to see what I believe if I’m ever going to say what I see.**

**LETS MAKE SOME CONFESSIONS TOGETHER**

# **THE HARVEST OF SOULS IS UPON US**

**Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle is going to see people from all walks of life get saved:**

**Prodigals & Wayward Children**

**Street people & Rich people**

**Farmers & Business men**

**Young people and Old people**

**Employers & Employees**

**Law Makers & Law Breakers**

**Blue collar & White collar workers**

**Mothers & Fathers**

**Brothers & Sisters**

**Sons & Daughters**

**SGT is going to be a lean mean harvesting machine**

**or if you don't like lean and mean you can be**

**Neat and sweet with evangelistic feet**

**So that you won't be filled with**

**Gloom and doom and have a sweep-you-in-hell broom**

**or**

**Indifferent and uncaring which results in no sharing**

**Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle**  
**IS BECOMING A RESOURCE CHURCH**

**In 2005 we are going to see SGT become:**

**A Teaching Church**

**that will build an army and not an audience**

**A Prophetic Church**

**that will provide prophetic anointing to the community**

**A Giving Church**

**that will be a source of blessing to the work of God in the world**

**A Global Church**

**who will make an impact among the nations**

**A Fasting & Intercessor Church**

**who can pray down and release outwards the power of God**

**A Sending Church**

**who will raise up and send missionaries into all the world**

**A Receiving Church**

**who will bind up, bring healing to and bless all those who were sent**