

**Reminder:** The principle, 'God SENDS His Word to heal', can be understood to mean the following:

- A. God's Word itself has in-grained Healing Power and Potential.**
- B. Obedience to the General Word (Logos) Heals us.**
- C. Obedience to a Specific Instruction (Rhema) Heals us.**
- D. An Uttered Command or Decree to Heal.**
- E. Appropriating the Promises of Healing in God's Word By Faith.**

In this session, we **to continue to unpack point D** above - the issue of 'DECREES' (Part C).

**A Reminder:** 'Decrees' will be explained in Sessions 9 to 13. Here is a layout of this theme :

1. The Definition of Decree
2. Decree is Akin to Prayer and Requires it as its Foundation
3. Agree With Heaven, Then Decree To Earth
3. Personal Purity of the Declarer of the Decree is Primary
4. Disciplined and Pure Speech Accentuates the Power of Decree
5. Decree the Discerned and Determined will of God
6. God's Decreed Word Frames Worlds, Times and Seasons
7. Decrees Are Rooted in Apostolic Doctrine and Their Authority Flows from it.
8. Decree From an Ascended Position in Christ Downward to the Earth
9. Decrees Understand the Nature of the 'Dabar' Word of God
10. Decree With Faith
11. Decree From a Heart of Relational Mastery and Maturity
12. Decree Spirit and Life, Full of Grace, not Your Native Tongue
13. Decree From a 'Moved' or 'Stirred' Spirit
14. Decree in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ
15. Decrees and Their Results Demonstrate the Authority and Power of God's Kingdom
16. Decree to Anticipate and Appropriate a Future Divine-determined reality Now
17. Decree Beyond Your Lifetime
18. Decree and Submission

In this session  
we focus on points  
(12) to (14).

## 12. DECREE AND SPEAK 'SPIRIT AND LIFE, NOT YOUR NATIVE TONGUE'

**John 6:63** It is the **Spirit who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing; the **WORDS** that I have spoken to you are **SPIRIT** and are **LIFE**.

Decrees are impartational, not informational. When we speak God's Word, we are not just employing a language intelligible to the hearers to convey information to the rational mind. No, Jesus said He is transmitting spirit and life when He speaks. He used words as **the transport system for 'spirit and life'**. So must we. **When we speak and decree, we are not speaking English (or your native tongue), but we are speaking SPIRIT and LIFE.**

All the power locked up within the realm of 'spirit' in God is released to the earth through the speaking forth of Words. Words are conveyors of grace, which is the constituent element of Spirit. Words carry spirit. Words transport thoughts from one individual to another - words express the intelligence from one to another. When God speaks His Word, **He does not only convey information**, but the very substance of which He is comprised, viz. grace which is full of life. So, when you speak God's Word, you are transmitting the Spirit and life of God.

Grace in God's Word contains the life of God. This is the 'grace of life'. 'Life' in the Greek is ZOE = the God-kind or God-quality of life.

**1 Pet 3:7** You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the **GRACE of LIFE**, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Life is communicated every time God's Words are spoken through our mouths. Where you have a 'death' state - inertia, fruitlessness, barrenness unproductivity, etc., one of the methodologies we may employ is to decree by speaking the LIFE of God upon it to transform it to life, fruitfulness, productivity, etc.

We must communicate from the strength of our spirits, which is saturated in the Word of God (accurate apostolic doctrine), and not just from the our rational mind of our souls. Speak from the platform of the fullness of a Word-informed and Word-saturated spirit, one that is JOINED to and at one with the Holy Spirit.

**1 Cor 6:17** But the one who **JOINS HIMSELF** to the Lord is **ONE SPIRIT** with Him.

You cannot flow powerfully in the dynamic of DECREETING from a spirit not marinated in God's Word or connected to the Holy Spirit. You cannot decree with powerful results from an empty spirit. A WORD-less spirit produces fruit-less results.

Words are conveyers of spirit. Note Job's words to Bildad, one of his friends who judged him inaccurately.

**Job 26:4** "To whom have you uttered words? And **whose spirit was expressed through you?**

We see here that when you speak, 'spirit' is communicated through you. Bildad was expressing the spirit of someone else, not his own.

Spirit is unseen. Spirit is breathe set in motion ('ruach' in Hebrew and 'pneuma' in the Greek). In the realm of spirit, when we speak God's Word, we set things in motion and address inaccuracies to comply with God's truth.

Preserve the purity of your spirit. Guard your heart and the utterance of your mouth. Your spirit must be 'right' to speak 'right' words. An enriched and clean spirit is a pure conduit to transmit grace and life to a dying world.

**Psalms 51:10** Create in me a **clean** heart, O God; and renew a **right spirit** within me. (KJV)

**Right = kun** = upright, firm, fixed, steadfast

The Holy Spirit is a Life-giving Spirit! So should our spirits be. Our spirits give life.

**Rom. 8:11** But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

**1 Cor. 15:45** So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a **life-giving spirit.**

**THE POWER OF THE LIFE of God in your spirit is released through your TONGUE.**

**Prov. 18:21** Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

### 13. DECREES EMIT FROM A SPIRIT THAT IS MOVED, STIRRED and GROANING

As highlighted in Session 3, we must flow from **the foundation of compassion and mercy whenever we seek to be used by God to transmit healing**. Beyond this, we must also speak from a **Word-saturated spirit that is joined to the Holy Spirit**. If, **when we speak, we emit spirit (not our native language), the place in us from which we must speak is our spirit, not the mind of our soul**.

The principle of life resides in 'spirit'. When we die, our spirit leaves our body. A dead body is only dead because of an absence of spirit.

**James 2:26** For just as the **body without the spirit is dead**, so also faith without works is dead.

So when we speak words of spirit and life from our spirit, we have the capacity to give out 'LIFE', the God-kind of life ('Zoe' in the Greek). We must focus on the development of a strong spirit. Your spirit, at one with the Holy Spirit, should lead your soul in obeying God in your body. A spiritually strong spirit in active relationship with God, and which can lead your soul (mind, will and emotions), is the strongest asset you can have today.

Before proceeding, I want to remind us that LOVE is the motivating factor for all spiritual activity, especially as it relates to us being used to benefit another. The absence of love, even in spiritually sharp and accurate ministry, invalidates that ministry from Heaven's point of view.

**1 Cor. 13:2** If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, **I am nothing**.

The power of God always attends the interests and objectives of His love. When God's love for others in you is the spur for your wanting to flow powerfully in spiritual gifts and in the dynamic of decrees, His power and enablement will support what His love seeks to accomplish through you.

**What also helps to flow efficiently in this realm, is to allow God to infuse your spirit with thoughts or feelings which HE Himself has concerning the individual or circumstance you are decreeing to**. This need not purely be emotional - as in reference to our feelings which are prone to erraticism. It refers more to God making you feel strongly for and about the person exactly how HE (God) feels, HIS emotion and mindset are superimposed upon your

spirit and soul. Jesus, at the raising of Lazarus from the dead, experienced this. He spoke from a place of identification with the person - their condition or difficulties they were experiencing.

**John 11:35** Jesus wept.

He was first moved emotionally, and even wept, because He loved Lazarus greatly. **You cannot decree healing and breakthrough for someone you do not sincerely love. Ministry to others is not to be cold and clinical, but heart motivated.**

**Whilst moved emotionally at the death of Lazarus. Jesus did not speak from His emotions, but from His spirit, the place from which LIFE and GRACE flows. At Lazarus's tomb, Jesus groaned in His spirit.** Jesus wept in His soul for Lazarus, but raised Lazarus from the dead by a decree from His spirit.

**John 11:33-39**

- 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,
- 34 and said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see.
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 So the Jews were saying, See how He loved him!
- 37 But some of them said, Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?
- 38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.
- 39 Jesus said, Remove the stone ...

Although sorrowful in the emotion of His soul, Jesus could not rely on the soul as the basis to issue a decree of life to Lazarus. He flows from the platform of a 'moved' or stirred' spirit. Generally, emotions can be erratic, but a strong spirit is less prone to flux based on external circumstances.

Also the soul in reference to its mind – might also pose a threat to God's will being decreed because it may carry obsolete or inaccurate thoughts and thought patterns to what God wants you to decree. The mind of your spirit that embraces God's revealed will on a matter, must lead the mind of your soul to submit to and obey that Divine will revealed, so that both spirit and soul are in agreement to speak God's Word of decree.

The immature soul, outside of the leadership of a mature spirit, cannot be trusted to administrate spiritual matters. The soul must follow the leading of the Holy Spirit expressed in and through one's human spirit. Decrees flow most powerfully from the domain of a Word-saturated spirit, at one with the Holy Spirit, who actually **STIRS or activates the spirit to speak**.

**Cyrus decreed from a stirred spirit, based on an historical prophetic Word from God**

**Ezra 1:1** Now in the **first year of Cyrus king of Persia**, in order to **fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah**, the **Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia**, so that he sent a **proclamation throughout all his kingdom**, and also put it in writing, saying:

Jeremiah prophesied a **WORD** that Israel would return to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity after 70 years.

**Jer. 25:12** 'Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the Lord, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.'

**Jer. 29:10-14 - NKJV**

- 10 For thus says the Lord: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, **I will visit you and perform My good word toward you**, and cause you **to return to this place**.
- 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- 12 Then you will **call upon Me and go and pray to Me**, and **I will listen to you**.
- 13 And you will **seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart**.
- 14 I will be **found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity**; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive

The decree of King Cyrus was based on a Word from God. The Holy Spirit STIRRED his human spirit and employed the mind of his soul, leading it to make a kingly or governmental, irrevocable decree that Jews could return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. The Spirit always will work with the Word of God. You cannot decree anything substantial with powerful results, from a Wordless spirit. He, the Holy Spirit, brooded or hovered over the waters (an imagery of God's Word) at the creation account and God said "Let there be ...".

**Gen 1:2b,3a** “ ... and the **Spirit of God was moving over** the surface of the **waters**. Then God SAID, “Let there be light”; and ...”

If your spirit is not marinated in Divine truth, you give the Holy Spirit nothing to work with - nothing upon which He may brood or move and thus STIR your spirit to speak and decree God’s will into action. **A SPIRIT GENUINELY STIRRED BY GOD IS ALWAYS ANCHORED IN RELEVANT AND CREDIBLE APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE OR A SURE WORD FROM GOD ON THE MATTER AT HAND.**

In the meanwhile, **PURE-HEARTED Daniel is in PRAYER for the liberation of the Jews after he himself read the prophecy in Jeremiah’s writings.** Daniel , the epitome of **PURITY** (“Clean Hands and Pure Heart”) in a hostile and wicked culture, immersed himself in **PRAYER** for the reality of the release of the Jews from Babylonian captivity, to be manifested.

**Dan. 9:1,2** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans - in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, **observed in the books** the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to **Jeremiah** the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. **So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.**

**Dan. 9:19** O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, **do not delay**, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

The Lord **STIRRED** the **SPIRIT** of King Cyrus to issue a **DECREE**. **Here we see the interplay of powerful decree functioning on the basis of God’s will as communicated through His Word, Purity, and Prayer.**

Also, the decree of one man could be powerfully executed with tremendous results because of the corporate and unscripted collaboration between varied parties. No one individual gets the glory.

### **Decree from a stirred spirit.**

**Stir = ûr =** To arouse, to awaken.

It is used of raising something or someone to action, of agitating someone, of motivating him or her.

Be thoroughly and acutely aware of Divine stirring within your spirit man.

Jesus groaned or was 'moved' in His spirit before decreeing life to Lazarus' dead body. The word '**moved**' here ('**groaned**' in KJV) in John 11 is:

**Groaned / Moved in Spirit = Embrimáomai =** To be greatly **moved or agitated**  
To be enraged, indignant, to express  
indignation against someone.  
To '**charge with earnest admonition; to**  
**charge sternly for disobedience**'.

**Troubled = tarássō =** To stir up, to trouble, agitate.

Death is called an ENEMY – the last enemy the church is to conquer.

**1 Cor 15:25** For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The **last enemy that will be abolished is death**.

Jesus was angry with the evil spirit of death - an enemy of all sons of God - and the last enemy to be subdued. His authoritative command "Lazarus come forth" - breaking the power of death over him - was issued forth from a spirit filled with the power of LIFE and which administered a judgement on death already, before He spoke.

Jesus, in this instance, already secured the victory over death before He spoke. His uttered command was the expression of the already victorious position of His spirit over death. Our speech, commandments and confessions must not be empty but must emerge forth from a spirit imbued with the truth of the Word or the will of the Lord. **Thus, our speech is not just empty confessions, but bold and powerful assertions.**

May we groan within our spirits when we observe those issues within our lives that are out of alignment with the will of our Father. And may we, from the conviction of a Word-filled spirit, begin to authoritatively call for the realignment and redemption of these things. **There can be no external decree unless we have internally decreed the reality we seek to see. First win the victory in your spirit, asserting dominance over the works and plans of satan, before you decree and seek to see that victory manifest outwardly. Jesus's outward obedience on the Cross of Calvary was first secured by an unshakeable resolve within his spirit whilst he was in prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. There can be no Calvary**



without a Gethsemane. There can be no audible verbal decree without an inward silent, yet powerful, assertion of victory. Speak from a victorious spirit.

### THREE GROANS OF ROMANS 8 AND THE PRINCIPLES THEY TEACH US IN DECREE

Decree from the platform of a deep GROAN in your spirit. The power of decree is also dependent by the depth of the groan inwardly in your spirit.

In Romans 8, there are **three groans**, viz. from **creation, from us as sons of God and from the Holy Spirit**. In this present season, God is causing a groan to arise within the spirits of the sons of God all over the earth. This cry is one of full sonship and the redemption of the body - to be clothed with immortality. Creation groans for this manifestation of the mature sons of God. The Spirit groans within us for this reality as well. **This groan is the basis for the verbal uttered decree. It decrees against anything that is beneath God's standard for mature sonship in us and others.** The strength of your inward spirit will determine the power of the verbal decrees outwardly.

- Creation Groans for Maturity in Sonship

**Rom. 8:19-21** For the **anxious longing** of the **creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its **slavery to corruption** into the **freedom of the glory of the children of God**.

**Rom. 8:22** For we know that the whole **creation groans** and **suffers the pains** of childbirth together until now.

**Creation was plunged into slavery to corruption because of Adam's disconnection from God as his Father – the first man fell from sonship.** Creation started to malfunction to a standard beneath the original God-determined one. An initial manifestation was thorns and briers. Creation went into a cosmic groan - it became a slave to corruption and progressive decay and degenerative malfunction. When you are set free from bondage – you leave some form of limitation and enter into some dimension of freedom. Creation longs to be set free from its enslavement to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the mature sons of God.

**Restored corporate sonship in the corporate church is what will heal creation.** Creation longs for and groans for the revealing of mature sonship in the earth. To fix the earth, we fix the man. When man is revealed as the mature God, earth will naturally respond in restoration. “Do not fix the garden”; fix the man in the garden and the garden will heal itself” (Thamo Naidoo)

**Our DECREES must be based or rooted in our groan for MATURITY.** Where you see a person or context that is below the standard of mature sonship, the unquenchable groan in you for maturity is the fuel and power that drives your decree.

Jesus exhibited mature sonship, exactly reflecting the image and likeness of His Father in a significantly profound way (Heb. 1:3). Hence, creation bows to this Divine image in Jesus, such that Jesus could command (decree) to a storm to abate and be still, and it immediately obeyed Him. He could also walk on water when the occasion demanded it, to accomplish some aspect of His Father’s will. Dominion over nature in this respect is something we all can experience in circumstances in which we need to - to ensure the will of God is not compromised. Creation is long to be led and headed again by the corporate son of God - the revealing or manifestation of the sons of God. When creation sees this, it will be restored to God’s original design for it.

- **We Groan for The Redemption of the Body**

We too groan for our complete and full maturity in Christ, which amongst many things includes the redemption of our bodies, where we put off our immortal and perishable bodies for an immortal and imperishable one. Immortality, where our last enemy, death, is finally defeated under our feet, is something we desire, seek for, eagerly anticipate and groan for!

**Rom. 8:23**      And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves**, waiting eagerly for our **adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**

Now, as we groan for immortality, anything that threatens ‘life’, like sickness and disease, we instinctively and authoritatively decree God’s will for health and long life. But we do this from the platform of a groan we hold deep within our spirits for immortality. Do not underestimate the power of this groan! Immortality will be reached when Jesus Christ returns to earth and our bodies will be transformed into a glorious body, imperishable, and not subject to weakness, sickness or death.

Paul presses towards knowing Christ in the POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION – his desire is to know Christ in a state of immortality – with resurrection power that conquers death or anything that causes it

**Phil. 3:10** That I may know Him and the **power of His resurrection** and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death

When you decree, you groan inwardly in your being for resurrection power.

**Rom. 8:11** But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you**.

While we are aware that immortality is a future reality, we assert its power in our present whenever we engage the matter of authoritative decrees, especially to the sick and infirmed. Whenever we see contexts of death, inertia, barrenness, we can decree life and assert the fullness of a restored reality - now in our present.

- **The Spirit Groans for the Will of God, Overcoming Human Weakness**

**Rom. 8:26** In the same way the **Spirit also helps our ‘weakness’**; for we do not know how to **pray as we should**, but the **Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words**; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God

The Spirit within us also groans for us to conform to the perfect will of God. The context of the Spirit's help of us is 'human weakness'. He, the Spirit, helps our weakness, or as the KJV frames it, our infirmities – here in context is a reference to human impotence or frailty. It includes sickness or the results of illness, like depression. 'Weakness' also might allude to any expression of human deficiency that strives for and fails to reach a Divine standard in some respect. In these instances, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us through an intense groan in order for us to conform to the will of God. In this respect, it helps to pray in tongues where the Holy Spirit prays through you and for you, so that you conform to God's will in a given matter. The objective of prayer is to see God's will be done on Earth. Prayer's focus is the fulfilled will of God. Where human weakness threatens the manifestation of that will, the Holy Spirit intercedes for human weakness that militates the realisation of that will. In decreeing, our focus is the WILL OF GOD being done, even in the midst of human weakness, deficiency and dysfunctionality. This groan in prayer is too deep for human words.

Now, when you publicly decree, the words of your native language (e.g. English) are rooted in a body of heavenly language, i.e. you praying in tongues privately in your closet.

References to groan, groans and groanings here mean “to moan or sigh”. **Let the groan within our spirit man increase in intensity until we see the realisation of the finalisation of all God’s purposes within us, His sons, on the earth.**

### **CRY ALOUD**

**John 11:43** When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come forth.**”

**Loudness** does not refer to **increased volume per se**, but alludes more to the **substantive nature** of the communication as pregnant with **force, weight, intensity or effect**. Some voluminous decrees are vacuous, lacking sincerity and weight. Some decrees expressed at heightened volumes amount to **vacuous vapour** whose force soon **vanishes** immediately after its utterance. It is not **volume without virtue**. **Decrees are also not polished verbiage**. The simplest of words used can produce the most substantial results.

**Decrees must also be executed with great focus and specificity.** Never be distracted or disconnected from the context or person you are decreeing to. Jesus was very specific and called for Lazarus to come forth, not just any dead person in that tomb.

There was **intense focus** when Peter and John were used as instruments of healing of the lame man at the **Gate Beautiful**. The eyes of Peter and John were fixated on the lameness of the man, who also gave them his undivided attention. Fixate your focus every time you administrate the matter of governmental decrees.

### **Acts 3:4-7 (NKJV)**

- 4 And **FIXING HIS EYES** on him, with John, Peter said, “**LOOK** at us.”
- 5 So he gave them **his ATTENTION**, expecting to receive something from them.
- 6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but **what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**”

### An Aside: ARE YOU GROANING OR GRUMBLING?

**Grumbling is the enemy of Groaning** . In **Phil 2:14-16** – is first the command **not to grumble**, and **thereafter to shine as lights in a crooked and perverse world**. This light is the LIFE of the Word within our spirits. Grumbling and complaining negates this process.

#### **Phil 2:14-16**

- 14     **Do all things without grumbling** or disputing;  
15     so that you will **prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent**, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **appear as lights in the world**,  
16     **holding fast the word of life**, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

**Carnal COMPLAINT** and murmur in an **unrenewed area of your SOUL** is the **satanic counterfeit for a Holy Spirit-induced GROAN in the domain of your SPIRIT**. As long as soulish grumbling is entertained, the Godly groan in the spirit for alignment with God's will is powerless or silenced. You cannot have a powerful Holy Spirit induced groan in your spirit whilst simultaneously accommodating carnal complaint in your soul. Silence the grumble in your soul in order to accentuate the power of a groan in your spirit.

If you are not carrying a Holy Spirit **GROAN** in your spirit, it is probably because your soul is too full of **GRUMBLE**. Replace your humanistic grumble in your soul for a Holy Spirit cry or groan in your spirit. **This only happens if your spirit is saturated or marinated in the WORD, and then a way to express this is to pray to God IN TONGUES**. GROAN, together with creation and the Spirit Himself, for our complete manifestation as sons of God - immortality - the redemption of our bodies (see Rom.8)

**Prov. 18:14**    The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, But as for a broken spirit who can bear it?

### YOU ARE A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

**1 Cor. 15:45**    So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became A living soul." The last Adam became **a life-giving spirit**.

The principle of divine life resides in your spirit. Adam, the first man, became a living soul. Jesus, the last Adam or second man, was a life-living spirit. We, His sons, also bear the image of the heavenly dimension as He did. So, we too are life-giving spirits.

Adam lived from the platform of his soul. His soul became the platform from which he determined all of his actions and behaviour. His spirit lost its place of leadership to the soul. The soul became the primary principle guiding him. But in Christ, a mature and fully formed Word-saturated spirit is being restored to its proper place and function in leading the soul, which then would unquestioningly follow the dictates of God's leading in the spirit. When this is restored, the spirit in us becomes the place from which we issue forth the very life and power of God INTO OUR WORLD OR SPHERE OF IMPACT. **LIFE and not DEATH must spill out from your spirit into your world. You are a life-giving spirit, not a life-destroying spirit,**

Speak and declare life! May the **GRACE OF LIFE** be with your spirit (1 Pet. 3:7; Gal. 6:18; Philemon 1:25; 2 Tim. 4:22).

On Earth as a human Jesus, the 'son of man', had 'life' within Himself just as His Father had life within Himself. This capacity was given to Him by His Father. The same is true of you and I. We too have spiritual 'life' within us, given to us by God, our Father.

**John 5:26** For just as the **Father has life in Himself**, even so **He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself**;

The life in Jesus could, at will, be imparted to others as He determined. The same is also true of you and I, as God's sons.

**John 5:21** For just as the **Father raises the dead and gives them life**, even so **the Son also gives life to whom He wishes**.

## **14. DECREES IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

Below are some examples of healing decrees in the name of Jesus. (Refer to session 4 in this series that unpacks the meaning of the phrase 'in the name of Jesus'). Here is a brief extract from that session reminding us what 'IN THE NAME' implies :

**'Name'** implies far more than a mere term used to identify a person and so distinguish one from another. It denotes at least 4 things :

- **The Nature or Character of the Person**
- **The Purpose of God Attached to the Person**
- **The Authority and Power of the Person**
- **The Representation of the Person**

When we pray for the sick and say, 'IN THE NAME OF JESUS', we are actually saying the following:

- **"In keeping with, and according to the NATURE of Jesus"**
- **"In Keeping with the PURPOSE of Jesus"**
- **"By the AUTHORITY and POWER of Jesus"**
- **"Be Healed by the Fullness of the Triune God - Father, Son and Spirit, represented in Jesus."**

- **The Lame Man at the Gate Beautiful**

**Acts 3:4-7 (NKJV)**

- 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, **"Look at us."**
- 5 So he gave them **his attention**, expecting to receive something from them.
- 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but **what I do have I give you: In the NAME of JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth, rise up and walk."**
- 7 And he took him by the **right hand and lifted him up**, and immediately his feet and ankle bones **received strength**.

- **The Healing of Aeneas**

**Acts 9:33-35 & 42**

- 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.
- 34 And Peter said to him, **"Aeneas, JESUS CHRIST heals you. Arise and make your bed."** Then he arose immediately.
- 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon **saw him and turned to the Lord**.
- 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, **and many believed on the Lord**.

"In the name of Jesus" is not a magic formula guaranteeing results. We must not just use words without heart involvement and mental awareness of their power. We must not lose an awareness of the power and profundity of what we do habitually or routinely. Using the name of Jesus in decree reminds us that it is not us, but Jesus effecting the work or producing the results. It focusses the attention on God and not on you - this keeps you humble.

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