

What Will You Call It?

1 Corinthians 14:1-2 instructs us, *“Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”*

As we consider what the Lord has gifted us, we will discover that He also wants us to decree, prophesy, declare, profess, and speak to mountains of problems. (See **Job 22:28** and **Matt 21:21**.)

We should also consider how the Lord God created us, *“Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our **likeness** . . .”* (**Gen 1:26**.)

Plus, we are to be *“imitators of God as dear children.”* (**Eph 5:1**.)

As children of God we can speak like God, *“who gives life to the dead and **calls those things** which do not exist as though they did,”* (**Rom 4:17b**).

During a conversation or email, take an opportunity to **Prophesy**:

- *I call you blessed.
- *I call you anointed.
- *I call your family restored.
- *I call you prosperous.
- *I call you a child of God.
- *I call you healed.
- *I call you faith-filled.
- *I call you Spirit-led.

*I call you an overcomer.

*I call you a conqueror!

The phrase, *“and calleth those things which be not as though they were,”* is referring to the instance Paul had just cited when God changed Abram’s name to Abraham (**Genesis 17:5**). According to Strong’s Concordance, the name Abram means “high father,” and the name Abraham means “father of a multitude.”

The Lord changed Abram’s name to Abraham one year before the birth of Isaac, thus confessing that Abraham was the father of a multitude before it happened in the physical.

This illustrates God’s faith. God says things are so before there is physical proof that they are so. The same thing was done at creation (**Genesis 1**). God spoke everything into existence, and then it was so. He spoke light into existence and then four days later created a source for that light to come from (**Genesis 1:3** and **Genesis 1:14-19**).

God has given us the power to create with faith-filled words (**Proverbs 18:20-21**, **Mark 11:14** and **Mark 11:23**). If we are going to operate in God’s kind of faith, we must learn to call those things that are not as though they were.

Abraham Considered Not

Romans 4:19-20 tells us about faith: *“And not being weak in faith, he did **not consider** his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.”*

The word “**consider**” is defined as “**1.** To think carefully about. **2.** To regard as. **3.** To take into account” (American Heritage Dictionary). The Greek word that was used here for “consider” is “KATANOEEO,” and it simply means “to observe fully” (Strong’s Concordance).

Therefore, we can see that Abraham did not think carefully about his age, and Sarah’s, and the impact that it would have on the **promise** that God had given him. He did not take those things into account or make any allowance for them. That was not what he paid attention to.

That is amazing, and that is exactly the reason many of us would not be able to receive the same **miracle**.

We consider every negative thing that looks **contrary** to God's promises, and then we try to use our faith to overcome the fear and unbelief that come with those thoughts, (**Matthew 17:20**). That's not the way Abraham was strong in faith.

1 Corinthians 1:27-28 tells us about things that are not:

*"God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the **things which are not**, to bring to nothing the **things that are**."*

Ezekiel 37:4

He said to me, *"Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'"*

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In Acts 3:6b John and Peter 'called' a crippled man healed:
"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

- *I call my body healed.
- *I call myself prosperous!
- *I call myself disciplined.
- *I call myself free from fear!

A left-handed pitcher hurled a fast ball in the last inning, with two outs and 2 strikes.

The batter looked at the ump, the pitcher looked at the ump.
"What was it Mr. umpire??"

The ump said, "It's nothing until I call it."



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