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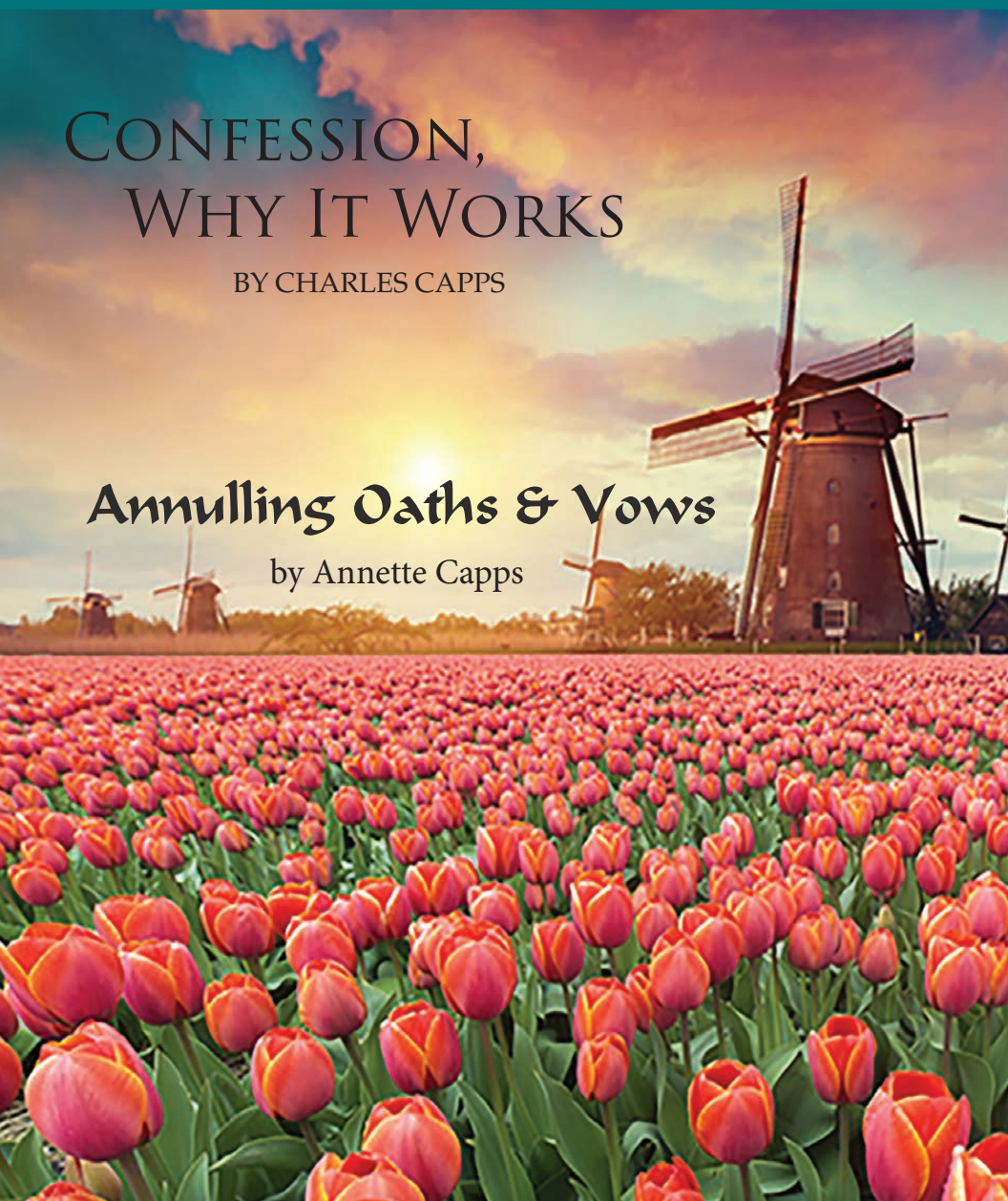
# CONCEPTS OF FAITH

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# CONFESSION, WHY IT WORKS

BY CHARLES CAPPS

**L**et us hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised." (Hebrews 10:23) God's Word admonishes us to hold fast to our confession of faith. But too many times Christians hold fast to their confession of fear, doubt and unbelief. Some hold fast to their prayer, and often their prayer is a prayer of unbelief. We're to hold fast to the confession of faith. There's no doubt about it, God's Word proclaims that confession is a way to possession. Paul in Romans 10:9-10 said, *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

The word "Salvation" means preservation, healing, soundness, and deliverance from temporal evil. So not only is Paul talking about being born again in this passage of scripture but is talking about being delivered from temporal

evil and having preservation, healing and soundness. So the word of a man's mouth is what releases God's ability in his behalf.

To understand confession you must understand what the word confession means. In Romans 10:9-10 the Greek word confession means to say the same thing or to agree with. Too many people connect confession with confessing sins. Confessing simply means to say the same thing. Learn to say the same thing that God says about you.

Next we will have to understand the heart of man (or the spirit of man) and how God created man to function in the realm of God's ability. In Mark chapter 4, Jesus told the parable of the sower. He tells four types of soil in which the Word was sown. He said the sower soweth the Word. The Word was the seed that was sown and the soil was the heart. So Jesus is simply saying the heart of man is like soil, and whatever you plant in it will come up. This is very vital to understanding the need of confession or why confession

works. In Mark 4:26-28, *"So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."* You'll notice here, again Jesus referred to the soil as being the heart. In the 14<sup>th</sup> verse, he said the sower soweth the Word. It is not God doing it. God told Joshua, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* (Joshua 1:8) God didn't say He was going to do it. He said, "Joshua, you'll do it if you'll keep God's Word in your mouth."

**The words of a man's mouth, releases God's ability in his behalf.**

The heart of man was designed to produce everything that we plant in it. Jesus tells us in Luke 17:5-6, how to plant the seeds. *"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you."* Now notice Jesus did not say they needed more faith. He said, *"if you had faith as a seed you might say..."* Jesus told two great secrets here. Faith is a seed. Jesus is also

telling us that faith should be used as a seed. You plant it. If you don't plant a seed it will not produce.

The disciples did not need more faith; they needed to plant the faith they had. Then he tells how to plant the seed of faith. *"Ye might say...Be thou plucked up from the root and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you."* He didn't say that it would obey God. He is talking about you as an individual speaking to the object, planting a seed of faith. Jesus said. *"It should obey you."* This is the way you plant the seed in your heart, by **saying**. The great principle of Mark 11:23 tells us, *"...whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* Here again it's based upon what you are saying. Saying is the way you plant seeds in the heart.



*Here are the reasons why confession works.*

### (1) CONFESSION CAUSES FAITH TO COME

Romans 10:17 says, *“So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God. When you hear yourself speaking, quoting or saying the same thing that God said, it causes faith to come.

### (2) CONFESSION CHANGES YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:20-23 says, *“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”* One translation says, *“the forces of life.”* He said to keep them in the midst of your heart. Don't let them depart from before your eyes. You would do that by continually saying the very thing that God said.

In Mark chapter 5 we find a woman obtained her healing by speaking, or saying, that when she touched Jesus' garment she would be restored to health. This woman changed her image from a “grow worse” image to a “made whole” image by speaking the desired result. She saw herself whole the instant she touched Jesus' garment. She programmed that into her heart with words. She planted those words there and they came to pass.

### (3) YOUR CONFESSION BREATHES LIFE INTO GOD'S WORD

Jesus said, *“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, they are life.”* So when we speak God's Word or Jesus' words after Him, we breathe life into those words. *“... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth evil things.”* (Matthew 12:34-35) Jesus said a good man out of the good deposit of his heart brings forth the good. Who is going to bring forth good? He didn't say God would do it. He said the good man brings it forth because of the good deposit in his heart.

The word “treasure” in the Greek can be translated “deposit.” The good man deposited God's Word in his heart and he brings it forth by confessing God's Word. For instance, Luke 6:38 says, *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give unto your bosom.”* You deposit Luke 6:38 in your heart by doing what Luke 6:38 said. These words are deposited in your heart first by being obedient to the Word of God and giving, and second by confessing what God said would happen to you after you gave. That is the way you establish God's Word in your heart. Then your heart begins to work day and night. **Just as soil would cause a seed to grow.**

### (4) THE ANGELS GET INVOLVED IN WHAT YOU ARE SAYING WHEN YOU CONFESS WHAT GOD SAID

One day as I was praying and meditating the Word of God, the Lord began to reveal to me that the angels play a part in confession. In Hebrews 1:14 it says, *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”* If you go into a restaurant a waitress comes to wait on you. Her job is to minister for you. That is essentially what the angels do. They're to minister for us. So many people think that the angels are waiting for God to tell them what to do and really they are listening for your words. That is why you should never speak anything that is not your will. The angels are created beings designed by God to carry out His will and His purpose, and they are to minister for you. They listen to your words (to what you say) and they take that as being your will.

God's Word is His will to man. **Man's words should be his will toward God.** The angels know this so they listen to your words, then they move busily about to cause it to come to pass. The Spirit of God spoke to me and said, *“If you speak sickness, disease, calamity and bad things, the angels will surely not bring it to pass nor cause it to come to pass. They will bow their heads, back off and fold their hands for you have bound them by the words of your mouth and they cannot work for you.”* They

will allow the bad and evil to come to pass that you speak because your words are their warrant, and when you speak against their work they cannot perform it.

**Speaking God's Word breathes life into that Word, & causes faith to come.**

Psalm 107:2 says, *“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;”* Well, Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, (poverty, sickness, and spiritual death). We are redeemed from it. Many Christians have never said so. They wouldn't dare say they were redeemed from sickness. They wouldn't dare say they were redeemed from poverty. But God's Word says if you're redeemed you ought to say so. Because first of all, **saying it** will cause faith to come. Second, it will change the attitude of your heart. It will change what you believe. You might not believe it the first time you say it, but if you continually confess it you'll begin to believe that it's true. ■

### WHY CONFESSION WORKS

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# Annulling Oaths & Vows

by Annette Capps

Have you ever said something and the minute it came out of your mouth you regretted saying it? It could have been a sharp answer to someone or a “negative confession.” James knew what he was talking about when he said, *“But the human tongue can be tamed by no man.”* (James 3:8)

I know the power of words, and how many times have I contradicted my faith by my own mouth? Well, I immediately say out loud, “Forgive me Lord! I revoke and rescind those words and they come to nothing!” You see, the stronger your faith in your words, the faster those things come to pass. So any words that I do not want to manifest, I immediately annul.

The word *annul* means “to make or declare void or invalid.” An example is: a marriage that is annulled is invalidated or voided. It is not a divorce.

The court goes back and says, “This was not valid so it is not a marriage.” So when I annul my words, I am declaring them void and invalid in that instance.

The legal act of matrimony includes taking vows or an oath. The vow is an oath to do certain things as part of the covenant. When a witness is called upon to testify in court they take an oath by raising their right hand and swearing to tell the truth. A young person joining the military will take an oath to defend the United States. The words that are spoken create a commitment or covenant that is legally binding.

## Covenants Made by Words in the Presence of Witnesses

In the time period in which Jesus lived and through all the time periods of the Bible, legally

binding agreements were made by words in the presence of 2 or 3 witnesses. Paul says in II Corinthians 13:1, *“By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”* And Jesus referred to this legal process in Matthew 18:16, *“But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”* This reference to Moses’ law was also mentioned in I Timothy 5:19 and Hebrews 10:28.

We can’t really comprehend what a world would be like with no paper, no pen or pencil, no written legal documents safely recorded in the courthouse. No deeds to property. If Abner wanted to purchase property from Elam, they called two or three honest men to observe the transaction. If there were ever any questions as to the legality, these men could testify that they witnessed the words and transaction.

This legal system has been around a long time and our own legal system has been generated from many of these principles and ideas.

Why is it important to understand this? Many believers have lived by the idea that the kingdom of God operates by feelings and emotions. We all find ourselves falling back into that old religious idea that if we cry, beg, get angry, stomp our feet at the devil then God will be moved by our emotion (because He loves us)

and the devil will be scared of our anger. In reality, God IS merciful, compassionate and longsuffering AND His kingdom operates on legal principles. In order to be effective we must understand what those kingdom principles are and how to walk in them. The power is not in feeling and emotion but the power and authority of your words are based on God’s laws, your position as an heir of God, and the power of attorney of Jesus’ name.

## What Have You Sworn to Do?

You say, “Well we don’t make vows or oaths anymore.” REALLY? We may not call it that but we have and we do. We just don’t call it that. Have you ever said or heard anyone else say out loud with words any of the following statements:

**“If it’s the last thing I do,  
I will...”**

**“I’ll do it or die trying.”**

**“I will never...”**

**“I will always...”**

**“I swear, I never saw a more...”**

**“I’ll vow that they never...”**

**“Every time...”**

The Holy Spirit woke me up in the middle of the night about a year ago and brought my words to me loud and clear that I had made an oath or covenant by saying some

things, and I needed to annul them and break their power because I was suffering the consequences. He also let me know that the seed planted was trying to come to fruition. That got my attention! I did not purposely make an oath or vow. (At least I did not think of it that way.) Nevertheless, the kingdom of God operates on words and seeds. I had set my path with an oath or vow and made a covenant with death, not life.

It had been many years since I said those words, but I had said them repeatedly. Thank God for the Holy Spirit! I repented, annulled that covenant and broke the power of those words I had ignorantly spoken. Now I don't suggest you live in fear about things you said that you don't remember, but I do suggest you ask the Holy Spirit to show you any vows, oaths or covenants you made out of ignorance or emotion. I certainly asked the Holy Spirit to show me anything else I needed to know!

## The Process of Annulment

In Matthew 5:33-37, Jesus said that unlike the Jewish religious beliefs of old, we should not make oaths. *"Again, you have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to the Lord [as a religious duty]. But I tell you, Do not bind*

*yourself by an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is the throne of God; Or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you are not able to make a single hair white or black. Let your Yes be simply Yes, and your No be simply No; anything more than that comes from the evil one."*

Have you ever had anyone say they would "swear on a stack of Bibles" or "on my mother's grave"? I laugh when I hear someone say that because I know there are untruths that they are attempting to prove by swearing!

Under Jewish teaching, and other religions, vows and oaths can be annulled if they were made without "proper intent" or "by mistake." Ignorance and lack of understanding has caused many people to declare words that can lead to their destruction. If you have made such declarations, you have the authority and power in Jesus' name to revoke and annul it so that it will be as though it never existed.

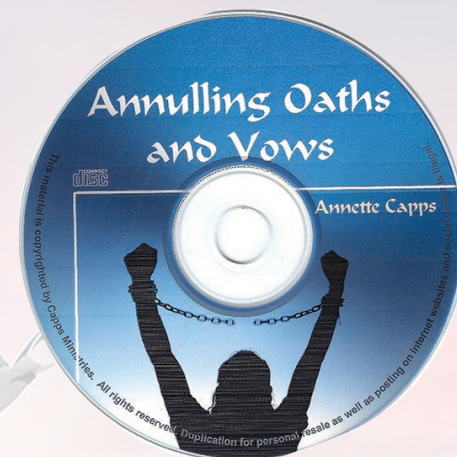
Proverbs 6:1-3 tells us that if we have made foolish oaths or commitments, we should immediately seek release. *"My son, if you have become security for your neighbor, if you have given your pledge for a stranger or another, You are snared with the words of your lips, you are caught by the speech of your mouth. Do this now [at once*

*and earnestly], my son, and deliver yourself when you have put yourself into the power of your neighbor; go, bestir and humble yourself, and beg your neighbor [to pay his debt and thereby release you]."*

Now this is specifically talking about becoming a co-signer for another's debt, but it also applies to any oath. Here are the steps I took to be released and I urge you to do this or whatever the Holy Spirit leads you to do to annul oaths, vows, or words that put you on a wrong path.

1. **Repent before God and thank Him for forgiving you.**
2. **Say, "I revoke, recant and rescind those words, oaths and vows in Jesus' name. They are null and void and come to nothing. Angels of God, go forth and undo any damage done by my words."**
3. **If you have made these statements in front of others (witnesses) and the Holy Spirit specifically directs you, you might want tell them that you spoke hastily and take those words back.**

I encourage you to listen to the Holy Spirit and be sensitive to Him. He has your best interest in mind when He makes you aware of forgotten vows, oaths and words you have spoken. Invite Him today to open your eyes, ears and understanding and guide you into all truth!



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## Staff Feature:



# Destined To Win!

by Carol Walker

I went to Bible School in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in the late 70's. During that time I was blessed to work for Annette Capps Ministries and did so for about 15 years from the Oklahoma office. During that period of time my world of understanding became so full of Biblical knowledge that I had not been taught in my denominational childhood church.

It is my privilege to share with you some of what I learned and have experienced since knowing the Lord from a very young age. My parents were wonderful role models that unknowingly helped me to learn valuable truths. I had parents that said what they meant, and meant and did what they said. Therefore, it was easy and normal for me to believe when Father God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit said They would do certain things, They would! I did not compromise. Because of this I have no sickness or disease in my body. Some may wonder why. I believe it is because I have believed what God's Word says and acted on it. Sickness and disease, as well as our salvation, was paid for and is an accomplished fact. (I Peter 2:24)

As a child I came to know Jesus around the age of 5. He became

my friend and Savior, and my love for Him grew steadily. My mother was our church secretary. Often I would ride my little green bike to the church, which was in our neighborhood, to meet her. At times I would go to our little chapel and pray. Somehow early in my childhood I knew the importance of prayer and communication with the Lord. Later in life I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Quickly, I learned that is an important key to living a successful life. He would be there if I simply needed help, guidance or comfort.

As I reflect on my life, the teachings I learned from Capps Ministries were invaluable. Charles Capps' book, "The Tongue a Creative Force," showed me and taught me about confession and how Jesus operated here on earth. Over and over I repeated those affirmations in this easy to read book. I was actually setting up my future.

Angels have always been something that interested me. When I was working with Annette, at one of her services she ministered on "More about Angels." Captivated by learning why they are here and what they do, she shared personal intervention situations with angels on different

occasions. This revelation would be another valuable key for my future:

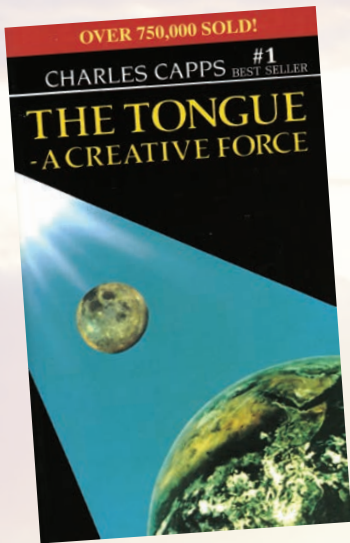
- \* **Angels have charge over us.**
- \* **They are sent as messengers to those who are heirs of salvation. Hebrews 1:14**
- \* **I learned there are different ranks of these angelic beings and more!**

All this knowledge helped prepare me for my next phase of ministry. God sent me to several countries to minister His love, His Word and His healing power. I went with confidence knowing that with the Holy Spirit, the angels and the Word of God in my mouth, many lives would be impacted. Personally I witnessed many being saved, healed and delivered.

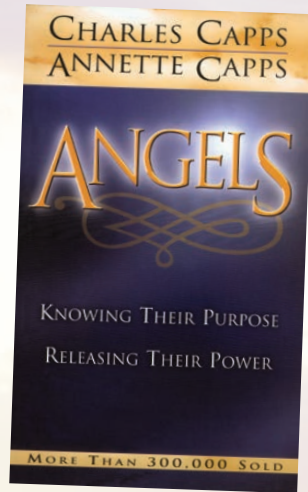
My life now is in another phase. No longer do I travel and go through the jungles and remote places helping people. The door opened for me to come back and work with Capps Ministries. My heart is so happy to be at the Texas satellite office. Besides taking orders, I have been able to pray with many having need of God's intervention.

I titled this article "**Destined to Win**" because that is the attitude I take when I pray. In an athletic competition that has already finished, a winner is declared. There may have been fumbles, missed opportunities, discouragement, injuries and challenges along the way but the game is over and we know who won. We have been destined to win! Jesus won it for us!

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