



COVENANT CHURCH

This Changes Everything - Part 3
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Below is a devotional study guide for you to refer to and reflect during the week. You can watch the service online again, anytime, at www.covenantchurch.org/media or on the CovLive app.

If you do not have a physical Bible, we encourage you to download one to your device. YouVersion is available in the Apple Store or on Google Play for free. It contains hundreds of versions, is translated into several languages, and includes thousands of devotional studies available right at your fingertips.

If you are a part of a Small Group, be creative in ways to meet-up. This guide can be a useful tool to lead discussions, whether it be through email, a Facebook group, a Zoom call, etc. If you have not yet joined a Small Group, there's no better time! Go to www.covenantchurch.org/groups or Small Groups on the CovLive app to search for a group that interests you!

Main Idea

This new year according to the Hebraic calendar, 5781, is a year of yoke-breaking anointing. It is a year of abundance and growth, IF we will be bold enough to speak from faith and guard our words. Align our conversation in the Word of God and not our opinions.

Discussion One

Prophecy is connected to Revival - Jewish New Year 5781

- For the believer, prophecy reveals what God is doing on the earth.
- Hebrew can be likened to emojis - carry several meanings and context is everything.
- Where it's placed matters to its meaning.
- 5780 (last year): 80 "pey" - opening your mouth wide
- 5781: 81 aleph: "1" picture of the head of an ox - the beginning of abundance
- The biblical value of an ox: Prov. 14:4 (NIV) (read)
 - o an adult male bull that has been tamed
 - o can respond to over 6000 verbal commands
- Aleph: strong but silent; humility and power
 - o Prov. 10:19 (NASB) - "Where there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise."
 - o Restraint equals wisdom.
 - o The strength of the mouth is not found in many words, but in few.
 - o Speaker's Pause: When a speaker pauses, what comes next weighs more, it's heard.

Discussion Two

Is God on our side?

- Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV) - Jericho. The angel of the Lord told Joshua he is not on either side of the battle.
- It's not God's job to join our side. It's our job to join HIS.
- God has covenant people on both sides.
- God had a covenant with Rahab (made of words) - she was inside the walls of Jericho.
- 2020 is proof that our words don't help.
- God wants us to put down our swords and shut our mouths - because He wants to fight for us.
- Genealogy and race didn't matter to God. Korah's words caused the ground to swallow him up.
- What we say out loud indicates our formation -who/what we are aligned with.

Discussion Three

Covenants & Conflicts always begin with words.

- Let's be bold with our FAITH and not our OPINIONS.
- The wise don't process out loud. Do not confuse silence with weakness.
- God wants our shout to count. Just as in Jericho.
- Let's be bold with our LOVE and not our OFFENSE.

Discussion Four

The Yoke & the Ox

- Oxen are useless without a yoke.
 - The yoke divides the weight and multiplies the power.
 - 2 Cor. 6:14 speaks of not being equally yoked.
 - This is because we must be matched in size and strength to be effective.
 - Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus offers us a yoke that is designed to be easy and light...not heavy and burdensome.
 - The Bible refers to a yoke 66 times. Only 8 of those are talking about animals. The other 58 times refers to a burden or relationship with people and God.
- The symbol of surrender.
 - What are you yoked to now? Is it easy? Is it hard?
 - What ideas, belief, a cause, relationship or hope of an outcome?
 - Whatever you are yoked to, you are limited or liberated by.
- Isaiah 10:27 NIV (read)
- The anointing breaks the yoke because we have grown 'fat' (in a good way).
- It is important that we not only READ the Bible in our minds, but that we say it out loud.
- Our spoken words have power and we must declare what the Word (Bible) says.
- We must be more aware of our words more than ever.
- Our words pick a side, whether we intend that or not.

Reflective Questions

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1. What are some areas in your life you can see how your words helped or hindered you?
2. Do you have any things/thoughts/causes you are yoked to that have you stuck - limiting you?
3. What are some things/thoughts/relationships that have brought liberation in your life?
4. Have you made a daily practice of not only praying, but reading the Bible? We encourage you to read the scriptures aloud in your home. You can impact the atmosphere.
5. What are some areas in your life, where you know you need to grow?
6. Pray this daily this week:

*Our Father, who is in Heaven. Holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive
our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

We break the yoke of strife, chaos and confusion.

We break the yoke of sickness and disease.

We break the yoke of prejudice, bitterness and hate.

We break the yoke of slander, unforgiveness and gossip.

We repent and come out of agreement with destruction.

We come into alignment with your will and your way.

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen