POWER OF YOUR WORDS Framing our future P1

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INTRODUCTION

Did you know there is 800,000 words in the English language? But 300,000 are technical, only used by a narrow range of specialists, that leaves 500,000 to communicate in our daily lives. The fact is : the average person knows about 10,000 words and only uses about 5,000 words in everyday speech, that's it- just 5,000 words to communicate a universe of ideas, emotions, events, and desires. Yet as we discuss this topic today, we will see that these words carry enormous power in our lives, to heal or wound, to encourage or discourage, to speak truth or to deceive, to praise or criticize.

You see, words connect us: The God connection

In Genesis we see how God created everything. He didn't wave his hand, he didn't have a golden scepter to wave around.... God simply SPOKE our universe and created everything. He said : let there be light and there was light. Over and over in the next 3 chapters, God performed the astonishing-ly complex work of creating the world by simply speaking the Word. Then lets look at Genesis 1: vs. 26,27.

We were created in God's image and likeness, because God has creativity and the ability to create with his words, so do WE!

Further in Genesis 2:7 it says God breathed into us the breathe of life and we became a living soul, Hebrew translated literally means "speaking spirit" There's something quite amazing about our speaking, that's why it's so important we learn to control our tongues. They are loaded weapons that carry the very power to bring life or death to our relationships, our lives and our future.

Connecting with God:

Since Adam, we have all sinned and fell short of the glory of God. When God need to bridge the chasm of sin that separated us from him, how did he do it?

Let look at the 1st chapter of John. " In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God..... (vs 14,)and the word became flesh and dwelt among us. God came to us through his word,-his son Jesus Christ. He is constantly bridging the gap with his word, thus it shouldn't be any surprise that we are to connect to God with our words.

Psalm 100:4 give us clear instructions to "come into his presence with singing, to enter his gates with Thanksgiving, to come into his courts with Praise". All these actions are expressed through words.

Another way to connect to God with words is prayer: Prayer keeps us connected to God. Through Praise and prayer, we can be connected to God our Father and be able to receive all that he has and all that we need to live this life victoriously.

You see, there is an enemy, Satan and he will do all he can to keep us from staying in contact with our Father.

- What is happening in your life right now?
- Has your mouth gotten you into trouble?
- Are your words hurting your relationships?
- Where's the answer? Its right under your nose!

Every idle word: Matthew 12:36.37

Every word we speak, is being recorded, we will give an account of them, but here is the good news, God's equipment has an erase button on it, (I'm so glad) 1John 1:9 He is faithful to forgive us...

Not only do words connect us to God, but in very important ways, words also connect us to each other. Words build bridges to people you don't know and keep our relationships fresh, let's look at Proverbs 18:20-22

If we paraphrase verses 20-21, "The quality of life you are living, depends on what you have been saying." I find it significant that the verse that follows these are about marriage. Stated: if you want to make a good marriage, you must make it with your mouth, if you want good kids, you must make it with your mouth.

Psalm 141:3

What a great scripture to memorize, David knew how serious God is about the damage and destruction with the tongue.

Proverbs 6:16 his son Solomon wrote:

In these seven sins, 3 of them are with the tongue, "hate and abomination" are very strong words. So, we must remember that not all speech is free to speak. We have to the ability to speak freely, but we must be mindful and spiritually alert of what is coming out of our mouth. We must be aware of the consequences that can come from the very words we are speaking every day.

Words- good or bad- last forever

But positive words can bring healing and they have a shelf life without no expiration date.

THE POWER OF WORDS:

James 3:3-12

Our words have power, power to create, good words last and carry enormous power to heal, encourage and restore. When we speak these words over our mates, our children, they don't evaporate, they will last forever. We must have a BIG MOUTH ! A big mouth for our future, speak blessing to our lives, not cursings.

- Keep all areas of strife out of our lives
- Keep the peace, let the "strife words" die!
- Don't belittle your wife to anybody, not even jokingly, don't tease, provoke your children
- Don't pray for blessings in your life and then turn around and complain about what you don't have.

I declare favor on my life!

- Acceleration of God's favor is coming!
- He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think!
- Praise will still the voice of the enemy and bring favor that will rain down on us!
- God's favor surrounds like a shield!
- All power is in the words we choose to say every day, it's all about getting the right confession coming out of our mouths!

Faith filled words will change our future, we can have whatsoever we ask for if we believe what the word of God says about us! Its all about the confession we make about ourselves on an every day basis.

I praise God for a wife who has spoken these words over me my entire life with her, every day we spend in the word of God, it paints a picture of who we are in Christ! This is the life God wants for each of us !

Next week we are going to look at:

Praise, Prayer, and the Holy Spirit, and how this will take our words to the next level , to be doers of the word and not just hearers.

Let's Pray: We must make sure our walk with God is foremost, and first in our lives. Pray this prayer with me:

Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Your word says all have sinned and fell short of the glory of God. I am sorry. I ask you to come into my heart, wash me clean with your blood. I accept you as my savior and make you Lord over my life. Amen