

03/26/23 Message

Part of OneChanging the world - One at a time!

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Message: WORDS

Series: One

This is a series based on God's call for us to change the world, one person at a time. Jesus modeled this in His ministry, and He teaches us to model it throughout our life - in the way that we live, in the things that we do. We model it through how (and what or who) we love, and the action of being His hands and feet, reaching one person at a time.

Powerful Words

Matthew 12:36 (NLT)

And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.

The Greek word for 'idle' is 'argos' and it means careless, useless, ineffective, unfruitful, worthless.

- We need to speak words of AFFIRMATION

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

(Listen to Toby Mac's song, "Speak Life")

When you speak life, it changes the culture... it changes relationships... it changes lives, one at a time!

—Pastor Chad

- We need to speak words of AFFECTION

Our world has a unique way to adulterize and pollute the word affection. It's not dirty; it's not ugly. The world

needs a lot more of... healthy, loving affection.

—Pastor Chad

Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

The Lord (said): “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”

Jeremiah 31:3 (MSG)

...God told them, “I’ve never quit loving you and never will. Expect love, love, and more love!”

Your Creator loves you with an everlasting love and He will never quit loving you and never will. When you represent Jesus, do you share with the one that you love them with an everlasting love?

Those who are difficult, draining, or different... do they know you love them with an everlasting love? More than that, do they know God loves them with an everlasting love? If not, then you’ve got some work to do! The only God they may see may be God through you! The only words from God they may hear may be the words God says through you!

—Pastor Chad

Luke 6:45 (NIV)

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

- We need to speak words of DIRECTION

Always point others to Jesus with the words you speak.

- We need to speak words of PRAYER

Speak to God about people. Cover them in prayer. Share with the person, you are praying for them.

Here are some short prayers you can pray in the moment:

- God, what do I need to say to them?
- God, what do they need to hear from me?
- God, help them to see their need for You?

Share that you've been praying for them. Ask people if you can pray for them.

Reality Check

At the end of the day, ask yourself:

- Who did I encourage today?
- Who did I build up?
- How did I use my words to speak life?
- Did I use my words to change the world, one at a time?

Because... (cf. Matthew 12:36 NLT)

...you must give an account on judgment day for every word you speak.