



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

DECLARATIONS

THE POWER OF CONFESSIONS

Key Takeaways:

1. Our faith and salvation are contingent upon our declarations.
2. What we say has power and weight.
3. Confession releases truth into the world and invites God's power into our situations.
4. Speaking in tongues provides a direct line of communication with God.
5. We are called to speak life into dead situations, like Ezekiel with the dry bones.
6. Jesus demonstrated the power of faith through speaking.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Mark said, "What you say has weight. What you say has power." Can you share an experience where your words had a significant impact, either positive or negative?
2. How comfortable are you with openly confessing your needs or struggles to God and others? What barriers might prevent you from doing so?
3. The sermon emphasized the importance of speaking directly to situations rather than just describing them to God. How might this change your approach to prayer?
4. Reflect on the story of Ezekiel and the dry bones. What "dry bones" in your life might God be calling you to speak life into?
5. How does the concept of being "restored to God's original plan" through salvation impact your understanding of your purpose and authority as a believer?
6. Pastor Mark stressed the importance of praising God before seeing results. How challenging do you find this, and what might help you cultivate this kind of faith?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Declaration: Choose one area of your life where you need breakthrough. Write a short, faith-filled declaration based on Scripture and speak it aloud daily for the next week.
2. Prayer Partner: Find a trusted friend in the group to be your prayer partner. Commit to sharing prayer needs openly with each other and praying together regularly.
3. Gratitude Journal: Start a journal where you thank God daily for things you're believing for, even before you see them manifest.

4. Community Needs: As a group, identify a need in your community. Spend time praying and speaking life over that situation, then discuss practical ways you might be part of the solution.
5. Scripture Meditation: Choose a Bible verse about the power of words or confession (e.g., Proverbs 18:21, Romans 10:9-10). Meditate on it daily.
6. Praise Challenge: Set aside 10 minutes each day this week to praise God out loud, focusing especially on areas where you're waiting to see breakthroughs.