

## **Your Words - Pt. 1 - Words Connect Us!**

**Intro.** - “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but WORDS...

There is the power of life and death in the words we speak. The power to create or destroy... The power to bless or curse... The power to build up, or tear down...! (\*\*\*) Title of this message: Words Connect Us! )

**Illus.** - Grab your tongue with your fingers (don't think about the 14 hands you shook on the way in...)

\*\*\* If you don't want to grab your tongue – just reach over and grab your neighbor's tongue... You hold between two fingers the most powerful – most amazing muscle in your life... (true for your entire life...)

We were made in the image of God, He gave us the ability to speak. And, as human beings – made in His image – we can speak, relate, love, and hate...

We express all of this – and much more – with Words! And, in this way, we are like our Heavenly Father! He too expresses Himself with Words!

So, this series will reveal to us – in very practical, powerful and personal ways – the ways YOUR WORDS (the words of God – and the words from one another) have the power to order our lives in alignment with God and His will for us...

Or – the power to align our lives with every force that opposes God and His plans and desires for us...!

\*\*\* Everything God created – He did with His words... and He created us in His image – therefore we have “significant” ability to create and destroy with our words...

**Illus.** - Marketing people and companies/experts know how this works... they spend countless hours – working on the words they will use to promote products and services they want to sell us...

Words are very important to God... He creates with Words, instructs with Words, loves with Words, heals with Words, reveals with Words...

\*\*\* Often we think our ideas and our words are very important. And often when we related to God – we try to get God to agree with our words.

\*\*\* What we need to do, is to get our words to agree with God's words, and spend less time trying to get God to agree with our words!

**Prov. 18: 20-21** “With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied with the product of his lips. <sup>21</sup> Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

\*\*\* Do you see what God says about the importance of Words...? This is far more significant than we realize...!

**Illus.** - Our experience last summer seeing the sequoia trees... Far more massive and amazing than we could imagine with our mind... (Pic)

?? Do you agree with everything God says? Related question: When you speak the words that regularly come from your mouth, are you agreeing with life – or are you agreeing with death?

?? Are you releasing - with the words of your mouth – the power of life or death?

## **1. GOD CONNECTS US TO HIMSELF WITH HIS WORDS.**

Words are the vehicle God uses to come to us from Heaven to earth. From the Spiritual realm – to the natural realm...

**John 1: 1** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

**John 1: 14** “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**Psalm 107: 20** “He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.”

God sent His Word to rescue us... to build a bridge to Himself for us to walk across...

**Romans 10: 8-10; 13** “But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”

**Vs. 13** “for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

God reaches us with His Word – and when we confess – with Words from our mouth – we agree with what God has said and done - and it becomes a reality in our lives...!

We speak – and by doing so – it causes our confession to become a reality!

**Matthew 12: 31-33; 34-37** “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup>Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.”

<sup>33</sup>“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.<sup>35</sup>The good man brings out of *his* good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of *his* evil treasure what is evil. <sup>36</sup>But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

### **The tree is the heart and the fruit is the mouth...**

In this passage – Jesus is confronting the leaders of the religious system... because they are attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to the devil...

So – Jesus speaks words of truth – to confront their lies – and save their lives! They are speaking against the Holy Spirit – and by doing so – they are speaking condemnation on the Holy Spirit...

The only sin that is unpardonable – is a sin you commit with your mouth.

And, it is done because of a hard heart, that is totally turned away from God...

\*\*\* It's hard to imagine this in our small minds – but God tells us He records everything and remembers everything...

**Illus.** - Can you imagine having everything you've ever said shown on the video screen behind me? For some of you – that would be a very long video... (no amens or elbows...)

God heard every word – and stores every one in His mind... But because of Grace and His amazing love – He sent His perfect WORD – Jesus – to bridge the separation between us -

And – the blood of Jesus covers the iniquity of our lives... and then He loves every word... because He tells us, we overcome the One who accuses and speaks against us “by the blood of the Lamb and the WORD of our testimony”! (Rev. 12: 11)

## **2. WE CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER WITH WORDS.**

We connect to God with words... and to one another with words...

**Proverbs 18: 21-22** “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.  
22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing  
And obtains favor from the Lord.”

If you have a good marriage – it's because of the words from your mouth!

If you have a bad marriage – it's because of words from your mouth...!  
Some of you speak death into your marriage relationship. But you can also speak life...

This is true with every relationship!

**Ephesians 5: 25-26** “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,”

Husbands – let me ask you: Are you purifying (washing) your bride and building her up with your words? Or are you defiling her...

Are you washing her - or sand blasting her...?

**Illus.** - Cathy and I are sometimes shocked by what we hear people say to their spouse – right in front of us... and if they say those things in front of us, what are they saying behind closed doors...

Same with children... friends... co-workers...

**Proverbs 31** - example of a godly woman...

\*\*\* You may have the kind of husband you have made with your words!

\*\*\* You may have the kind of wife you have made with your words!

\*\*\* Death and life are in the power of the tongue! Use your tongue to speak life and health and value into your husband/wife.

**Illus.** - Wives – I don't know if you know this – but your words are more important to your husband than anything else in your relationship!

Same is true for both husbands and wives...!

**Illus.** - I wonder how quiet it will be in the car on the way home?

### **7 humble Words for healing every relationship:**

**“I was wrong, will you forgive me?”**

**Not, “I need to ask your forgiveness.” Or, “I’m sorry”.**

Our mouths are the tool we use to tear down people and relationships - and our mouth is also the tool we can use to build them up!

\*\*\*\* Some of us have done a lot of damage to our relationship with God – and to our relationship with people in our lives.

\*\*\*\* Good news!! It's never too late to start over and rebuild...!

**Conclusion...**