

SERMON HANDOUT

SERIES: Watch Your Mouth:

Series Focus: The tongue is powerful, and we are to steward our words wisely

Speaking Life to Feed Your Faith

Big Idea: If you want to overcome the enemy, you must speak what God has said. Victory begins with your vocabulary.

Matthew 4:1-4 “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

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TRANSITION: Let’s look at how Jesus shows us how to use our mouths to defeat temptation and feed our faith.

1. We Must Contend with God’s Word v.4 *“But He answered and said, “It is written...”*

- a. **PRINCIPLE:** Don’t let the devil have the last word in your mind or your mouth. Speak back with Scripture.
- b. **DEFINITION:** The Greek word for “answered” is *apokrinomai*—meaning to respond with deliberate truth.
- c. **QUOTE: Pastor Robert** “Jesus didn’t stay silent or ignore Satan—He answered. But He didn’t argue, explain, complain or give His opinion—He spoke the Word. When the enemy speaks, you must speak too—speak the truth.”
- d. **ILLUSTRATION:** Imagine a courtroom. Satan is the accuser (Rev. 12:10), always bringing up your past. But Jesus didn’t argue the facts—He quoted the law. When you know your rights in the Word, you don’t have to panic—you can proclaim.
- e. **APPLICATION:** Don’t let the devil have the last word in your mind or mouth.

2. We Must Choose God’s Word First v.4 *“... It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone...”*

- a. **PRINCIPLE:** The Word of God must be your first priority, not a last resort.
- b. **DEFINITION:** The Greek word for “live” (*zēsei*) means to enjoy true, sustained life—the kind only God can give. Not mere survival—but thriving in spiritual health.
- c. **QUOTE: Pastor Robert** “Bread is essential, but not ultimate. A full stomach and an empty soul is still starvation. Many live by bread alone, but not by faith.”
- d. **ILLUSTRATION:** You can eat three meals a day and still be starving spiritually. Some of us have well-fed flesh but undernourished faith—because we’re not consuming God’s Word.
- e. **APPLICATION:**
 - i. Stop eating what starves your spirit. Watch your intake to guard your output.

3. We must Cling to God's Word v.4 *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word...'"*

- a. **PRINCIPLE:** *The same Word that built the universe can build you up in your dry season.*
- b. **DEFINITION:** *Greek word: Rhēma means: a spoken word, utterance, or declaration.*
- c. **QUOTE: Pastor Robert** *"Jesus doesn't say "some words," but every word. God's Word is fresh, faithful, and full of life. "Every word" means nothing God speaks is wasted.*
- d. **ILLUSTRATION:** *A soldier doesn't survive battle without his weapon—your Bible is your sword (Eph. 6:17).*
- e. **APPLICATION:** *We live not just by reading Scripture, but by hearing and responding to God's Word—spoken, active, timely.*

4. We Must Count on God's Word v.4 *"... every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."*

- a. **PRINCIPLE:** *The Word of God will provide what you need, when you need it—even in your wilderness.*
- b. **DEFINITION:** *The phrase "proceeds" (Greek: ekporeuomenō) is present tense—it means God is still speaking. He's not a silent God—His Word is a daily portion.*
 - i. *Present tense participle: "is proceeding," not "has proceeded."*
 - ii. *God's Word is not just what He has said—but what He is still saying.*
- c. **QUOTE: Pastor Robert** *"It's not stale bread—it's fresh manna. The Word is not only written for history, it is spoken for right now. The Word of God is not past tense—it's present power."*
 - i. **Isaiah 55:11** – *"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."*
- d. **ILLUSTRATION:** *In Exodus, God fed Israel with manna daily. But if they tried to store it overnight, it spoiled. Why? Because God wanted them to trust Him every day. Likewise, yesterday's Word won't carry today's battle. You need fresh manna from the mouth of God.*
 - i. *"Give us this day our daily bread..."*
- e. **APPLICATION:**
 - i. *This reflects the ongoing voice of God—what He said still speaks today (Hebrews 12:25).*
 - ii. *God's Word is fresh, alive, and flowing, not stagnant.*

FINAL APPLICATION:

- **Declaration:** *"Lord, I thank you for your Living Word. Your Word is life to my mind, spirit, and body. I will store your word in my heart and declare it with my mouth."*
- **Search the scriptures for your situation.**
 - iii. *Search in google*
 - iv. *Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to the verse for you.*
 - v. *Read the scriptures in context*