

# The Assembly

## 21 Days Of Prayer And Fasting

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### Word Empowerment

After God had judged the ancient world of Noah's day through a worldwide flood, God commanded Noah and his descendants to spread out and fill the earth (Genesis 9:1). Instead, about 340 years later, they began building the tower of Babel, which would have been a one world government and religion set up against God. God used the creation of languages to force their hand. Suddenly, they all spoke different languages (see Genesis 11). Naturally, they found those with whom they could communicate, stuck together and eventually spread out over the earth. I love that God desired diversity in the world He created! He wanted His creation to fill the earth, every part of it. And He used the creation of new words to His endeavor.

**Words are the building blocks of communication.**

**Words can break down or build up.**

Ephesians 4:29 ESV *"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."* Words are so important that God refers to His son Jesus as the Word (John 1:1). Jesus is the WORD of Revelation to all humanity. Thank God for His ongoing communication with us! God can speak to us through a variety of ways. Through His spirit, His written word, the circumstances of life, etc. God can also speak to us through other people.

Every day we have many opportunities to empower those around us with our uplifting words.

In Bible college I remember once playing a game with some friends called "I never" which I believe was a popular drinking game in the 90s. We were all drinking soda for this game! One person goes first by making a TRUE statement that begins with "I never...." For example, "I've never been to Canada." Then, if any other player HAS DONE what the person said, they simply drink.

Remember how I said words can break down or build up? Without going into details, during this game, we all learned quite a bit about each other. Some of the information that came out was unfortunate and reflected our old sinful lives before Christ. I could tell one of my friends felt ashamed and a bit upset after the game.

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During the next several weeks whenever I'd see this girl, for reasons at the time I couldn't quite explain, I'd say to her: "I've got to tell you something but it's not the right time." This went on for a while, she would see me and say "Hey, what is it you've got to tell me?" and I'd say "It's not the right time!" I'm sure that was annoying to her!

Unfortunately, I could be quite annoying in college! One day she found me in the library (a rare thing for me) and she quietly approached me and asked me what I needed to tell her. I just knew in my spirit it was the right time. I said that I knew that the things that came up in that game we played were in the past. I told her I knew that her past was under the blood of Jesus and that I viewed her by her new life and not her old. I didn't expect her to tear up and tell me that what I said was exactly what she needed to hear. I will never forget this because I felt it was one of the first times God used me in that way. Honestly, I shouldn't have waited that long to tell her what I said. However, since God created time in Genesis 1:5, He is God of time, and His timing is always right on. Be an instrument of empowerment today and encourage someone with your words!

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