



## The World You Create

### Fire Breather // Week 1

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#### Overview

Pastor Russ kicked off the Fire Breather series by reminding us that our words are far more powerful than we often realize. From the very beginning of creation, God used His words to bring life, order, and purpose into the world. Because we are made in His image, our words also carry tremendous influence. They reveal what is happening in our hearts, shape our relationships, and create momentum toward the future. This week challenges us to consider the kind of world we are creating through the words we speak.

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#### Opening Conversation

What is one encouraging thing someone said to you that you still remember today?

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#### Scripture & Discussion

##### Words reveal what's inside.

Read Matthew 15:16-19

- Jesus teaches that our words come from our heart. Why do you think our speech is such a good indicator of what is happening internally?
- Have you ever said something and immediately realized it revealed an attitude, fear, or frustration you didn't know was there?
- What kind of words have been coming out of you lately? What might they reveal about what's happening in your heart?

##### Words form our world.

Read Proverbs 16:24, Proverbs 18:21, Ephesians 4:29

- How have someone's words shaped or influenced your life? How can our words become a source of grace and hope for people around us?
- The health of our soul depends on our connection with God and letting His voice be the loudest. Which relationship is most influenced by your words right now: your relationship with God, others or yourself?

##### Words create the future.

Read Ezekiel 37:1-10

- What stands out to you about God's instruction for Ezekiel to speak to the dry bones?
- Where in your life do you feel like you're looking at a "valley of dry bones" right now? What would it look like to speak God's truth and promises into that situation instead of fear, doubt, or negativity?

## **Application**

What are some ways you can intentionally speak life into yourself and those around you this week? If your initial response tends to be negative, ask God to help you pause before speaking and choose words that bring encouragement, hope, and grace.

Will you bring darkness or light to those around you this week?

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## **Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, it can be easy to fill our heart with everything around us and focus on the negative, the chaos and the noise which in turn prompts that same kind of response. God, fill our heart and mind with your promises, the sweetness of your Spirit, and the reminder that our hope is in You. Bring to the surface areas of our hearts that need Your attention and give us the awareness to pause before we speak, so others see more of You and less of us. May your words consume our thoughts so we can be an encouragement and a light even in the darkest places. Jesus' name, Amen.

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## **Upcoming Events:**

- June 28 – XO Week Sign-ups Kickoff
- July 1 – First Wednesday Prayer, 7:30am
- July 7 – Prayer Night
- July 12 – Welcome to the X

## **Resources:**

- To request prayer: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/13150>
- To meet with a Pastor: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/534644>
- Financial Assistance, Sobriety Resources, grief support, and more: <https://thex.church/care/>

**X Church Podcast:** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA\\_VuAO592ZYQgd](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA_VuAO592ZYQgd)