



Speak Life

Fire Breather // Week 2

Pastor Russ Moore

Overview

Pastor Russ wrapped up the *Fire Breather* series by reminding us that our words have the power to bring life or death because they flow from our hearts. James teaches that lasting change begins not by simply controlling our speech, but by allowing God to heal and transform us from the inside out. As He changes our hearts, our words become a source of encouragement, hope, and life.

Opening Conversation

Celebrate something that happened this past week!

Scripture & Discussion

Key Scripture: *The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

Read James 3:1-8 (NIV)

- James compares the tongue to a horse's bit and a ship's rudder—small things that have the power to direct something much larger. Why do you think James chose these illustrations? What do they teach us about the power of our words?
- Can you think of a time when your words changed the direction of a relationship or a situation? What happened?
- **Supporting Scripture:** Proverbs 18:21, Psalm 141:3

Read James 3:9-12 (NIV); Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

- James points out that we can praise God one moment and speak harshly to others the next. Why do you think this inconsistency is so common, even among believers?
- When the fruit of the Spirit is evident in our lives, how does it change the way we speak and interact with others? Give examples.

Read Matthew 12:34-35 (NIV); Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

- Jesus says our words come from the overflow of our hearts. What might your everyday conversations reveal about what is happening beneath the surface?
 - Ephesians 4:29 challenges us to use our words to build others up. Who is one person you can intentionally encourage, forgive, or speak life into this week?
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Application

Pastor Russ challenged us to choose to "speak life." Choose someone this week who needs to hear words of encouragement, forgiveness, or affirmation from you. Spend time thinking about what you could say to them.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that our words have the power to bring life. Search our hearts, heal the places that need Your touch, and fill us with Your Spirit so that our words reflect Your love, grace, and truth. Help us encourage others, honor You with what we say, and point people to Jesus through every conversation. Amen.

Upcoming Events:

- 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=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKlA_VuAO592ZYQgd