

# Teach: Our words determine our GO!

**Intro** Our theme this year is GO FIRST! Last year we learned how to REACH the lost, the broken and the hurting. This year we will build upon that foundation to become people of great faith and boldness.

**KEY THEME VERSE: Matthew 28:19**, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”*

**THEME VERSE: Revelation 12:11**, *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

This week, we will continue our study of Revelation 12:11, focusing on the power of our testimony. Our testimony speaks of our sharing what Jesus has done for us and declaring His Words of victory over every situation. Jesus’ blood has saved us and helps us to overcome every work of the enemy by the word of our testimony. What have you been talking about?

## 1. The power found in your words

- **Joshua 1:8**, *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”*
  - God is promising Joshua a prosperous and successful life if he will speak, meditate and do the Word of God.
  - Meditating enables the truth of God's Word to penetrate our heart/spirit. Our faith is increased.
  - What we speak about and what we do shapes our world (determines our GO!).
    - Negative words will attract negative thoughts and outcomes and positive words will attract positive thoughts and outcomes. Even when confronted with difficult or trying circumstances, if we speak positively, based on the Word of God, we will view the situation with a lense based on the Truth of God. God has not promised us a pain-free or perfect life, but a life filled with joy found in Him, no matter the circumstance. This starts when we speak the Word and what He has done.

## 2. Will you speak life?

- John 6:63, *“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”*
  - Your spirit is important in every part of your life.
  - A primary role of your spirit is to communicate life.
    - Life to your soul and body.
    - Life to people around you.
  - **One important way life is communicated from your spirit is through words spoken.**
  - Whatever flows from your spirit can bring life and death to yourself and to others.
  - We see the power of God’s Words in **Genesis 1:2-3**, *“The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters and then God said, ‘Let there be light.’”*
    - Creative power was released when God spoke, and The Spirit of God moved.
    - Spirit empowered words bring forth physical realities.

### 3. The words you speak have the power to change your world.

- **Proverbs 18:21**, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”*
- You need to say, “Yes!” in order to enter a new season.
- In order to be saved, you must confess with your mouth. In order to get engaged, you need to ask or say yes. In order to be married, you must say yes at the altar. In order to receive money at your job, you must say yes to the job offer.

### 4. God’s Word releases God’s power on our behalf.

- **Hebrews 4:12** *“The Word of God is living and powerful.”*
- The key to the Word of God working in us is our heart belief in it.
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13b**, *“Word of God which works effectively in you who believe.”*
  - The words must flow from our heart coupled with faith.

### 5. Train yourself to speak life giving words.

- **Ephesians 4:29**, *“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth but what is good for necessary edification that it may minister grace to the hearers and do*

*not grieve the Holy Spirit.”*

- We have power of choice over the words we speak.
- We have the ability to minister grace (spirit life) to the hearers.
- You hear what you say and so do others.
- **Practical ways to speak life:**
  - **Speak to yourself – be specific not general!**
    - Pray in Tongues. (Jude 20)
    - Speak the promises of God. (Heb 4:12, 10:38)
    - Prophecy over yourself. (Ezek 37:1-4)
    - Speak to soul, body. (Ps 103:1-2)
    - Speak to circumstances. (Mk 11:22-23)
  - **Speak to others**
    - Affirm people & their value. (Philem 6)
    - Encourage: speak a word in season. (Prov 15:23)
    - Strengthen people. (Lk 22:32)

Speak out your testimony of the goodness of God and what He has done in your life, and you will see great victory by the blood of the Lamb!

## Ask

- Why is what you say so powerful?
- Are there times or issues about which you speak negatively or complain? What will you do about this?
- In what ways could you begin to speak life giving words to yourself daily?
- Are the words that you speak beneficial to people? Encouraging people? Strengthening people? If not, what are some ways you can choose to speak differently?

## Prayer

- Pray for revelation of the power found in our words. Let the Holy Spirit reveal the truth about how their words have been a good testimony of God or how they have not been a good testimony. Seek forgiveness where needed.
- Pray for the upcoming Encounter and Life Connect Bread of Life.

## Upcoming

- Encounter Friday 21 July and Saturday 22 July.
- Mid-week service Wednesday July 26.
- Life Connect Bread of Life Saturday 5 August.