

Never face your mountain with your mouth closed.

Most Christians have learned to talk ABOUT their mountain, instead of TO their mountain.

When our words agree with God's, we bring to bear all the power inherent in God to our circumstances.

The words we speak are containers of life or death.

Proverbs 18:20-21 -

20 A man's belly or ***the seat of man's hunger and desire*** shall be satisfied with ***the fruit or the words of his mouth***; and by ***the consequence of his words shall he be filled or satisfied***.

21 ***Death and life*** are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Jesus knew this and refused to speak life and empowered his sacrifice on the cross, so that we could be empowered to speak life in order to gain the victory he obtained on our behalf.

Isaiah 53:7 - He was oppressed and afflicted, yet ***he did not open his mouth***; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he ***did not open his mouth***.

Matthew 26:52-53 –

52 “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.

53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”

John 19:10-11 –

10 “Do you ***refuse to speak*** to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

11 Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above...”

Jesus CHOSE NOT TO SPEAK and experienced our defeat and we are called to CHOOSE TO SPEAK HIS WORD and experience the victory he purchased on the cross.

2 Corinthians 4:13 – We having the same “Spirit of Faith”, as the scripture says, ***I believed and therefore have I spoken***, we also ***believe and therefore speak***.

The Barometer for the Words I Speak

1. Do I believe the Word of God over my circumstances?

2. Do my words agree with God's?

James 4:6-7 –

6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes or resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Submission to God isn't possible until the words we speak are agreeing with His Word and not the circumstances or how we feel.

5 Basic Truths that Should Govern our Words

1. What God, in Christ has done for us in the plan of redemption.

Colossians 1:14 - In Christ we ***have redemption***, the forgiveness of sins.

Redeemed from the past – TALK LIKE IT!

2. What God, through the Word and Holy Spirit, has done for us in the New Birth, and infilling of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 4:4 - You, dear children, are from God and ***have overcome them***, because greater is He who is in you, than he that is in the world.

The greater one lives in you – TALK LIKE IT!

3. What we are TO God the Father, **in Christ Jesus**.

1 John 3:1 - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called ***children of God!*** And ***that is what we are!***

You are God's child – TALK LIKE IT!

4. What Jesus is doing for us NOW, at the right hand of the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us.

Hebrews 7:25 - Therefore Jesus is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God ***through Him***, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 4:14-16 –

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us ***hold fast our confession or covenant acknowledgement***.

15 For we do not have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 ***Let us therefore*** come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

5. What God can do **through us** or what the **Word** can do through our lips.