

SPEAK LIKE JESUS SPEAKS

Jesus Authority In Your Words

TEXT:	John 7:40-53
KEY VERSE:	John 6:63; 7:46

"No one talks like this guy!"

"The officers answered, 'Never man spake like this man!'"

John 7: 46 [KJV]

"We never heard anything like this!" Everywhere Jesus went, people marveled at his words. What he spoke rang true. What he said carried authority. What he taught fulfilled prophecies spoken hundreds of years prior. What He commanded happened. His words carried power - God's power - God's spirit.

They still do!

His words still carry God's spirit, and they still happen.

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What He commanded
happened.

His words carried power.

They **still** do!

"So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

-Isaiah 55: 11 [NKJV]

DELIVERANCE

Chew on that for a while. "SELAH."

God does not engage in small talk. His words always have purpose. I have no doubt that Jesus joked with his disciples, because "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." ¹ God knows laughter is good for us, even in those words there is a purpose.

One day, while I was at Lake County Jail, God cracked a joke with me. Something had happened in the pod, and I walked into my cell commenting about it (I wish I could remember). In my spirit, I heard God makes some ornery comment about it. I was so shocked, I burst out laughing! (I'm glad no one saw me. I would have been moved to "the third floor.") When I stopped laughing, I said, "Lord, I needed that!" He said, "I know. That is why I said it. You needed to let go and laugh." It turned my entire day around! On purpose.

Words.

Words are seeds that produce fruit in the spiritual world. What happens in the spiritual world **determines** what happens in the physical world. The natural man thinks that physical determines physical. But not so. The things that occur in the

¹ Proverbs 17: 22

spiritual world directly affect us.² God's word says that the battles we face are not caused by people. (See #7, "The Spiritual War")

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Words are seeds that produce fruit in the spiritual world that manifests in the physical world.

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"For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this Dark World, and against evil spirits in heavenly places."

- Ephesians 6: 12 [NLT]

Likewise, the way to **win** those battles is in the Spirit rather than the flesh.

"This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh."

- Galatians 5: 16

Even our worship is not a physical activity, but spiritual.

"God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

- John 4: 24 [KJV]

God says the person is a fool who will not acknowledge that He, a spiritual being, governs the circumstances of his life.

*"The fool *says in his heart, ' God does not exist.' They are corrupt; they do vile deeds. There is no one who does good."*

- Psalm 14: 1 [HCSB]

* Notice: the demise of the fool is what he **says**.

God tells us to acknowledge him in everything we do,³ and the **result** will be physical.

"This will be healing for your body and strengthening for your bones."

- Proverbs 3: 8 [HCSB]

So, there are two kinds of words: death words, or life words. Both are a spiritual force that produces a physical result.

² Daniel 10: 12- 14

³ Proverbs 3:5- 7

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We will eat the PHYSICAL fruit
of our SPIRITUAL words ...
Good or bad.

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... So that your joy may be full!

Jesus is the Word

- John 1: 1, 14

When everything we know began, the Word already was. Then the Word became flesh and lived among us. Emanuel! Now the Word that always was, lived with us, and SPOKE to us. (No wonder it's written in RED!) In amazement, John said, "We looked at the Word, and touched the Word!" and he called Jesus, "the Word of life."⁴

Speak like Jesus speaks - LIFE!

READ: John 1:1-14; 1John 1:1-4

"The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I've spoken to you are spirit and are life. But there are some among you who don't believe."

- John 6: 63, 64 [HCSB]

* Notice again; it is the Spirit who gives life, not the flesh. It is not a pulse, breathing, or even brain activity that determine if you live, but **spirit**. Spiritual **determines** physical. Lazarus lay dead for four days, but Jesus spoke spiritual words, and he got up and walked out, **physically**. Jesus said that his words are spirit and life. Spoken, they returned Lazarus' spirit to life!

When you speak Jesus' words, you speak as Jesus over your situation

- Matthew 10: 19, 20

"For it is not you who speak, but the spirit of your father who speaks in you."

... The same Spirit that spoke through Jesus...

"The words that I speak to you, I do not speak on my own authority; but the father who dwells in me does the works."

- John 14: 10 [NKJV]

* Notice: Jesus equates speaking with doing the works. He said, "I speak. The Father does the works."

Our Lord declared that He has all power in heaven and earth. Then he said, "Because of that, **you** go teach all nations, baptize, drive out Devils, and heal." Because we have the authority of Jesus words, and his Spirit in us, we can speak spiritual words and affect both spiritual and physical results.

"And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

⁴ 1 John 1:1- 4

the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

- Matthew 28: 18- 20 [NKJV]

As you go making disciples, you carry the authority of Jesus in your words. *And no one ever spake as this man!*

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No one ever spake as this man!

DELIVERANCE

He spoke and:

- Water turned to the best of wine. - John 2
- A man, blind from birth, saw. - John 9
- A paralyzed man got up and walked. - John 5: 1- 9
- A little girl woke from the dead. - Mark 5: 22 - 24
- Demons fled. - Mark 9: 14 - 29; 5: 1 - 20; 7: 24- 30
- A sinful woman received living water. - John 4: 1 - 42
- Bread and fish multiplied. - John 6: 1- 14

“It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not.”

- John 6: 63, 64 [KJV]

Now look at what **he** said about the words he spoke:

1. It is the spirit that causes life. The flesh does nothing. - V. 63 a

Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did not live by his own flesh or intellect.

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; For God was with him.”

- Acts 10: 38 [KJV]

READ: Proverbs 18: 21; Isaiah 59: 21

God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and power. He did all that he did because “God was with him.” He did nothing on earth because He **was** God. He did it all because God was **with** him in the spirit.

God is with us in the same Spirit!

So, we can also go about doing good the way Jesus did.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also; And greater works than these he will do, because I go to my father.”

- John 14: 12 [NKJV]

2. The words that Jesus spoke are spirit and life. - V. 63 b

“Death and life ARE in the power of the tongue,” but look at the second half of the verse; “and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” Do not focus on death. Look at the blessings of speaking life! Fruit is the result of seed. Our words are seeds that produce the fruit of life or death. So, “choose life” ⁵and ENJOY the fruit of your words.

The way you put life in the power of your tongue is by speaking Jesus’ words; saying what Jesus said. That is what the Bible calls “confession,” or “profession” of your faith.

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised);”

- Hebrews 10: 23 [KJV]

Since Jesus **is** the Word ⁶, ALL the word of God is **his** words - not just the red ones. There is a truth, a principle in the Bible that governs your situation. When you search the scripture and find out what it says, you find the words of Christ. He wrote all of them. He **IS** all of them because he is the word. Then believe. “The just shall live by faith.” ⁷ Over and over, people were healed because their faith in Jesus Christ made them whole. ⁸ Jesus words are all powerful, coupled with your faith. He told the disciples to have faith in God, and whatever they spoke they could have.

You must speak out of a heart of faith

- Mark 11: 22 - 25

“And Jesus answering saith unto them, ‘have faith in God.’

For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, ‘be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea’; and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; He shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore, I say unto you, ‘What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.

And when you stand praying, forgive if you have aught against any: that your father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. ”

- Mark 11: 22 - 25 [KJV]

That is the power of Jesus words in your mouth:

1: Have faith in God. - V. 22a

You will not even BEGIN until you believe that what Jesus is about to say REALLY IS what God wants for you.

> Most believers do not believe this. <

2: What you speak in faith, you will have. - V. 23

The authority to change your circumstances was given to you by Jesus. It is the faith in your heart, which comes out of your mouth.

⁵ Deuteronomy 30: 19

⁶ John 1: 1

⁷ Romans 1: 17

⁸ Matthew 9: 22, 29; Luke 7: 50; mark 10: 52; Luke 8: 48; acts 14: 9

3: So, when you ask from that heart of faith in God, just consider it done. - V. 24

4: That kind of faith will not dwell in your heart with unforgiveness. - V. 25

So just forgive ... Also, by faith. Again, it is not a confident feeling, it is a choice. I choose to forgive my brother because Jesus said to, whether I feel “forgivey” or not.

Hearing the Word Cultivates a Heart of Faith

So, then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17

*Notice: God did not hesitate HERE either; “faith COMETH.” when you hear and hear the word of God, faith **must** come. (Now, you are not going to grow your faith if you listen to a preacher talk you out of it. Just sayin’...) So, let's listen to Jesus again:

*“The centurion answered and said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but **speak the word only**, and my servant shall be healed.”*

- Matthew 8: 8 [KJV emphasis added]

Jesus said he saw greater faith in this centurion than he had seen in all of Israel. Even though he felt unworthy to have Jesus come to his house, he still came to him expecting to receive the help he asked. And he understood the power of words backed with authority. How much greater authority is there than Jesus saying, “Ask what you will; speak to this mountain; believe that you receive?”

This book of the law is to be spoken out of your mouth, and thought about constantly; so, you will see it, so you will do it, so I can bless you.

[Joshua 1: 8, paraphrased]

Speak this word out of your mouth. That will cause faith to come as you hear it, ⁹until you can imagine the word happening. Then, you will have the faith to do what you “observe” ¹⁰in the word. Then, you will prosper and have good success. You will be blessed, healthy, and prospered. ¹¹ This is not some mystical thing that God does for a special few. These are the laws of the Kingdom. They **always** work for **everyone**.

“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that has gone out of my lips.”

Psalms 89: 34 [KJV]

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.”

- Isaiah 40: 8 [KJV]

⁹ Romans 10: 17

¹⁰ Joshua 1: 8b

¹¹ Psalm 1: 1- 3, 6

*"In hope of eternal life, which God, **that cannot lie**; promised before the world began;"*

- Titus 1: 2 [KJV emphasis added]

*"Because God wanted to show his unchangeable purpose even more clearly to the heirs of the promise, He guaranteed it with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, **in which it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us."*

- Hebrews 6: 17, 18 [HCSB emphasis added]

God cannot lie.

God does not change.

God does not break covenant.

"Ask and you shall receive."¹²

Seize the hope that is set before you!

Speak as Jesus speaks!

¹² Matthew 7: 7