

7. Bless Your Finances:

I'm rich and getting richer. I'm generous and getting more generous. God's abundance is supplying my every need. Everything I touch prospers and succeeds. New doors will open before me. The right people will walk into my life. God will prosper the work of my hands. As I use my core gifts to serve others, I will be richly rewarded. Treasure is flowing to me in great abundance. I can earn any amount of money I legally and morally choose, in Jesus name.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

1. How do you think speaking words of blessing will affect your daily life?
2. If you could change one negative speech pattern (ie. complaining), what would it be and why?

LOJC FEAST IN THE WEST REMINDERS:

May 7, 2011.... WOMEN'S NIGHT - 1027 BLAIN ST. MILTON, 7:00 PM

May 14, 2011....FEAST (MAY 23 IS VICTORIA DAY)
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

May 28 & 29.... LIVING IN THE LIGHT SEMINAR (CLASS 100),
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JUNE 4 & 18.... FEASTS - HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

JULY 9 & 16.... FEASTS - MILTON SENIOR CENTER AUDITORIUM, 1:30 PM
(PLS. NOTE VENUE)

AUG 12, 13, 14...LIVE-IN YOUTH JESUS ENCOUNTER - LA CONSOLATA

AUG 6 & 20... FEASTS - MILTON SENIOR CENTER AUDITORIUM, 1:30 PM
(PLS. NOTE VENUE)

Prophecies - Apr 9 FEAST and Apr 11 Lenten Recollection:

"Sirach 2:1-6. My child, if you are going to serve the Lord be, prepared for the times when you will be put to the test. Be sincere and determined, keep calm when trouble comes. Stay with the Lord. Be patient.

"I will make you light to the nations and my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. I the Lord have called you for the victory of justice.

"I am the Lord your God, my glory is revealed in each and everyone of you, my children. You shall speak of my mercies that endure forever and you shall bathe in the faithfulness of my love, unconditional and everlasting. I love you my children and I will always love you."

"Ephesians 5. Brothers and sisters, you were once in darkness but now you are in the footing of the Lord. Live as children of light for light produces any kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

"From Eph 4. My children, get rid of all bitterness and anger. No more shouting, no more hateful feelings of any. Instead, be kind and tender hearted to one another and forgive one another as God has forgiven you through Christ."

"We must be willing to live for others. God's life is a life for others. We must see others that God sees them, through love. God's love is not blind.

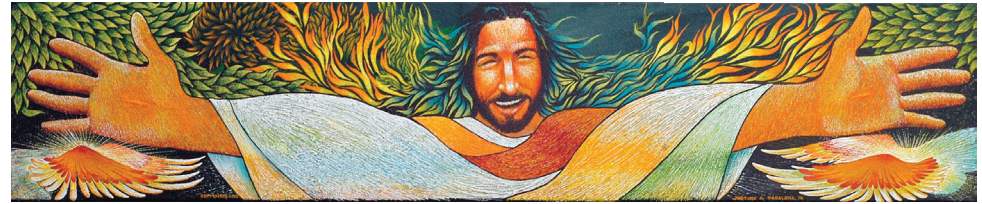
"I am the Resurrection and the Life. Anyone who believes in me shall not die but will have an everlasting life. My children, I have come that you may have life abundantly; a life of peace, a life of joy, a life of great service to your fellow men and for my glory. I love you my children and I will always love you."

"Even if you have a violent argument with a friend, and speak sharply, all is not lost. But any friend will leave you if you insult him, if you are arrogant, if you reveal his secrets, or if you turn on him unexpectedly"

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Talk 2: Speak The Blessings

God's big message: Change your world by changing your words.

If there's one thing that you should do, you should change your words. **Because if we change our vocabulary, we change our history.**

Here's something very few people understand: **Our words have physical power.** They impact our life. They impact our body. They impact the people around us. They impact our world.

How To Raise A Smart Kid

To our young parents, do you want your kids to be smart? Let me tell you how to raise a smart kid. Use the **power of words.** Tell your kids, even if they are still infants, "You're smart." Do not baby talk him/her. Talk to your small children as if you are talking to an adult. And always tell them "You are smart." Because our words are powerful.

Let's look at one powerful story in the scriptures about this.

Command The World

Mark 4:35-39

On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake."

Going to the other side of the lake wasn't their idea. It was Jesus' idea. The disciples didn't say, "Jesus, let's go to the other side of the lake!" Jesus was the one who told them, "Guys, let's go into a boat and take a ride..."

This is remarkable. You see, a lot of people think that because God is guiding them, He will make us avoid all storms. This is not true.

Here's the truth: Sometimes, God will lead us into a storm.

Because storms are good. Storms shake us. And shaking is good. **Shaking takes away our pride.** (These were seasoned fishermen. They've been through rough weather. But on this day, these fishermen shouted, "Help! We're about to die!") **Shaking takes away our complacency. Shaking forces us to grow.**

So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too.

Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water.

Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow.

The inner world will always control the outer world. In the inner world of Jesus, there was no storm. There was quiet and calmness. Let's not be afraid of storms around us. But be afraid of the storms inside us. The stress. The tension. The worry. I urge you to surrender all that to the Lord.

The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?" Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm.

Let's focus on the word, "commanded."

Words have power. Words created this universe. In Psalms 33:6, it says, *The Lord created the heavens by his command, the sun, moon, and stars by his spoken word.*

Everything started with the Word. The Bible says, "In the beginning was the word." In the same way, our words have creative power.

Most of what we're experiencing in our life is a result of what we have ordered. And hear me out: We order through our words. What do we say regularly?

- About our finances?
- About your health?
- About your family?
- About your relationships?

A lot of people say terrible things about themselves, about their future, about their lives, they order these terrible things for their lives.

The Curse Of Negative Talk

There are a lot of people who say again and again...

- "I'll never be successful."
- "I'll always be poor."
- "My Grandma died of cancer. My Mom died of cancer. I'll probably die of cancer too."
- "My kids are no good. They'll never amount to anything."
- "Oh woe is me. My life is a telenovela. My life is one series of never-ending trials."

When people say these things, they're actually ordering from the universe more of these terrible things.

Haven't you noticed? **Complainers get more of what they complain about.** When we complain about our problems, we're asking for "larger servings" of our problems. WHY? **Because that's the power of your words.**

THE GOOD NEWS IS: We Can Direct our Sails.

Our words have two kinds of power. **First, our words have power over us. Second, our words have power over our world.**

The first power is easy to understand.

Jim Rohn said, "You cannot change the direction of the wind, but you can change the direction of your sails."

We're the sailboat. The circumstances happening around us are the wind. And our words are our sails.

We can't control the wind. In the same way, we also can't control our circumstances. We can't control the economy. We can't control our boss. We can't control our spouse. And we can't control our mother-in-law.

But this is what we can control: We can control our words. And just like adjusting the sails of a sailboat, by the power of our words, we can still move against the wind. Problems can be called PROJECTS. Instead of trials, let's call them TREASURES and burdens, call them BLESSINGS.

In the end we can shout out loud, "Lord, thank you that my problems are growth opportunities. I believe that all things will work for good to those who love You. I believe that what was intended for my harm, you will transform and turn it into my good."

And feel the heaviness lift from your soul.

Let The Weak Say I Am Strong

The Bible says, "**Let the weak say I am strong.**" (Joel 3:10). The Bible doesn't say "Let the weak say why he's weak, and how he's weak, and where he's weak, and talk about his weaknesses everyday..." The Bible says, "Let the weak say 'I am strong'!"

Let's not talk about how we are; But talk about how we want to be. Don't talk about where we are; talk about where we want to go! Don't just talk about our problems; Talk about our purpose. Because problems weigh us down. But purpose lifts us up. And I've learned that if we pursue our purpose, many of our problems get solved along the way.

Don't Be Realistic

You might think that saying so is not being realistic. Let me shock you. Sometimes, the worst advice you can give to someone is "be realistic".

If someone advised to the Wright brothers, "Be realistic!" and they followed that advice, we wouldn't be able to fly America!

IF SOMEBODY ADVISED BILL GATES THAT PEOPLE WILL NOT BUY PERSONAL COMPUTERS BECAUSE IT IS NOT PRACTICAL, WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR LAPTOPS TODAY!

Listen carefully: Being realistic is the roadway to mediocrity. So if we want to be drenched with blessings, let's not be realistic.

Why? Because words have a second power..

Words Have Power Over Our World

Aside from having power over us, in some mysterious way, it also has power over our world.

In the long run, the direction of our sails will change the direction of the wind. Nobody knows how it happens, but it happens. How? **God makes it happen!**

Speak The Blessings

1. Bless Your Entire Life:

I'm God's beloved and it is His great happiness to bless me. I'm anointed by God to serve and bless the world. God's river of blessings is flowing to me at every moment of my life. Everything I need comes to me. I'm a blessing magnet. I'm guided by God at every moment.

2. Bless Your Body:

I'm getting better and stronger everyday. God's power of health and healing are flowing through my body, my mind, and my spirit. With long life, I will serve the Lord, in Jesus name.

3. Bless Your Loved Ones Who Need God:

My loved one is growing closer to God. Deep inside, the Holy Spirit is busy working, changing, and transforming this person. This child of God is set free from all addictions. God's purpose will be fulfilled in this person's life. I declare that as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord, in Jesus name.

4. Bless Your Relationships and your community:

God is blessing my relationships. Love is increasing. Service for one another is growing. Forgiveness, humility, and understanding flow like a river in my relationships. Old wounds are being healed. Bonds between us are getting stronger and deeper, in Jesus name.

5. Bless Your Decisions:

The steps of the good person are ordered by the Lord. God directs my steps. God helps me to distinguish what is right from wrong. God shows me the paths to abundance, in Jesus name.

6. Bless Your Problems:

All things will work for good to those who love God. This difficulty that I face now shall bless me in a very big way. What was intended for my harm, God will transform and turn into my benefit, in Jesus name.