

Open Your Mouth

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Do you realize that what you say determines your future? Do you understand the great power that is between your nose and chin? If not, by the end of this message, you will recognize that you have control over your destiny and you'll be in a better position to be able to speak things into your life, or for some of you speak things out of your life.

Now I know there are some of here that need a miracle. You need God to move in a big way. It may be for yourself, it may be for a family member. Some of you have been praying for a wayward child to come home. Some have been praying and believing for a family member to come to the Lord. Maybe you are in financial trouble? Maybe you're in here and sickness has come against you?

Whatever it is, I have good news for you this morning! You are in position of your miracle! The thing you have been praying for is in you, all you have to do is open your mouth and speak them.

All you have to do is start declaring what His word already says.

Exodus 14:14

¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 43:2

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

Church we have to learn how to start speaking Gods word!

Point # 1 Watch what you're talking about

How many have ever listened to their selves talk, like on a video or a cassette recorder? Were you pleased with the sound of your voice? How many have ever told a bad joke that nobody laughs at ? And you wish you never said anything at all. Or, you accidentally spill the beans on something you were supposed to keep a secret? What about the old murmuring thing when your mom tells you take out the trash and you say: "frickafrckaicantbelieveigottatakeout thetrashagainitshisturn" and then mom hears and on top of taking out the trash you have to take out some ice from the freezer to put on your swollen behind?

How many of you have talked about somebody behind their backs only to turn around and see that they were behind you?

If any of those things have ever happened to you, you may have an understanding of just how powerful your mouth is and what kind of trouble it can get you into.

It's no secret that your mouth is a pretty big tool. In fact, Bible writers found this out thousands of years ago when they wrote:

Proverbs 18:21

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

They knew before the Bible was even written that the tongue is so powerful that it can bring life or death. They knew that it could change your very existence, that your tongue is so powerful that it can control how successful your life will truly be.

And It all begins with how you talk.

Church listen to me this morning, our words have creative power. When we speak them out you are giving them the right to come to pass.

Let me explain: It's one thing to believe that you are healed, and another for you to say, "I am healed."

You see opening your mouth is what releases the healing.

You can believe that you are blessed, or believe that you have favor, but that's not what moves God.

God is moved when you start speaking over your life. God is moved when you open your mouth and declare the things that are not as though they are.

Point #2: The spirit of faith is in our words

2 Corinthians 4:13

¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak

Church, when you begin to speak out:

- I am blessed
- I have favor
- I am coming out of debt
- I am healed

Something happens that you do not see. Angels began to go to work. Heaven starts paying attention. Then all the sudden good breaks start finding you. Out of nowhere you get the phone call saying you got the job, the phone call from the doctor saying there has been a mistake in your report and what they thought they saw was gone, a phone call from that son or daughter that has been running for God asking what time church starts Sunday morning. Your boss calls you in for a meeting to tell you that you have been promoted.

Let me tell you something, things began to move when you open up your mouth!

Now don't get me wrong. It's ok to think good things. You can believe for favor. But nothing happens till you open up your mouth and speak it. The miracle comes from your mouth. The Power comes from you standing flat footed and speaking it over your life.

Church, there is freedom in your mouth. There are new levels in your mouth. There is healing in your mouth. There is life and death in your mouth. You need to learn how to open your mouth and proclaim it.

Now I know what you are thinking: easier said than done. It's easy when things are going good. It's easy when your healthy. But when you're fighting with an illness, it's different. It's easy to look at the bad report. It's easy to get caught up in it and talk about how bad it is or how bad it looks. It's easy to say things like, "I will never get well," or "I will always be sick," or "This is going to be my end," or "Woe is me."

But listen to me this morning: when you talk like that all you are doing is calling in more sickness. All you're doing is calling in more defeat. When you talk like that you are giving power to sickness. You have to learn how to change what you are saying. You need to change what is coming out of your mouth.

The Bible says: "Let the weak say that I am strong."

- It doesn't say: Let the weak — talk about the weakness
- It doesn't say: Let the weak — call five friends and talk about the problem
- The Bible didn't say you are weak and you are going to die.

No it said that you are strong through Him.

Stop speaking negative and start proclaiming victory.

Your report should be:

- God is restoring my health back to me.
- He sent His word and healed me.
- I am the head and not the tail.
- I am more than a conquer through Him.
- I am not going to die I am going to live.
- I am not going to let this sickness keep me down anymore.
- I am not hiding in my house talking about how sick I am.
- I am speaking life out of my mouth.

I am telling you this morning – you need to start opening your mouth.

"Well, Pastor when I break these addictions, I will start telling people that I am free."

No, you start speaking it first. Every day you need to declare that you are free. Every day you need to say that you are clean. Say "Those addiction don't control me!"

Every time you open up your mouth and say that you are free, there is something that happens in the unseen realm:

- Chains begin to be broken.
- Strongholds are loosed.
- Freedom starts heading your way.

You keep speaking it than you will become what you are saying.

When you open up your mouth and speak the Word of God, that's when the hand of God begins to move your way.

When David faced Goliath, a giant twice his size, it was no coincidence that David said out of his mouth, “This day I will defeat you and feed your head to the birds in the air.” He wasn’t just trying to be positive, he wasn’t just talking smack; he knew that the miracle was in his mouth! He had to open his mouth to release the victory.

Think about it. What if David would have said, “Well I thought I wanted to fight Goliath, but wow, look how big he really is. You know I can’t fight him, I don’t have any armor.” What if He would have said, “Looks like everyone was right. I am not qualified to do this.”

Listen to me, If David would have talked about defeat, we wouldn’t even know who David was. If he would have just thought positive, or had what people are saying now – if he would have just had “good vibes” he would have never defeated him. He would be a nobody.

But David knew the power he had in his mouth. He knew he had to speak it. So he opened up his mouth and said, “I will defeat you. This day you will die.” And look what happened: the giant fell!

Church hear me this morning, you may have a giant in your path. It may be a giant of debt. It may be a giant of depression. A giant of sickness. Whatever it is you need to be like David. You need to open up your mouth and announce to it, “You will not defeat me. I will not be sick. I will not be depressed all the time. I will win my family to the Lord. I will get the Job. The forces that are against me are nothing compared to what is for me. If God be for me who can be against me.”

Point #3: Put Your Words to Work

The Bible says that God formed the world by His words.

Hebrews 11:3

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, So that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”

In Genesis, you see this point. In fact, God said... and it was.

Psalm 33:6-9

⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

God spoke and things came into existence. Out of nothing, came something. Out of darkness, came light.

Why? Because God said, “Let there be light.”

God spoke things into existence, and created the natural realm with His words.

Natural things respond to the spoken word.

It’s about speaking words of faith, and believing that what you say will come to pass.

When God created this world, do you think He sat around with the mullygrubs wondering if the light would ever come on? Do you think He said, "Light, if you're out there, would you please, if you're not too busy, turn on." or "World, umm, if you're not too shy, can you show up?"

No, He was bold. He knew that His words contained the power to create. And your words do, too. Speak the things that you want.

Point # 4: How do I guard my mouth?

You can do a lot more than just thinking before speaking. Sure, that may catch the bad things before they come out, but if you're not putting good things in your heart, you'll have nothing to replace the bad things with.

Matthew 12:34

³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

This Scripture says that whatever is in your heart is going to come out of your mouth.

So let me ask you: What have you been putting in your heart? What have you been listening to that has had an impact on your life and how you speak? Are you listening to your friends that say you don't have to go to church to have a relationship with the Lord? Are you letting the music you listen to influences how you talk? Are you watching TV sitcoms that constantly tell you that you'll never amount to anything and that you'll never be happy?

Or are you reading your Bible and finding out that you can have the desires of your heart, that God will provide for you, that you're an overcomer, that it says you can do all things through Christ who gives you the strength.

If you're putting God's word in your heart, then your mouth will overflow with God's Word.

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

When you hide God's word in your heart and guard your mouth, you WILL keep yourself from destruction, and death.

You need to stop using words like:

- I can't
- if
- doubt
- I don't think
- I don't have the time
- maybe
- I'm afraid of
- I don't believe
- It's impossible

And replace them with:

- I can
- I will
- I know
- I will make the time
- I am confident
- I do believe
- God is able