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(Speaking God's Words  
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How has the week been for everyone?

Has it been a good week? A bad week?

I know the weeks, especially in Northern VA can be stressful.

Thankfully, my bosses recognize that too, so they set up a presentation the other week on ways to reduce stress and deal with change.

The meeting was scheduled for 9 AM on a Monday and the day of the meeting, we received an early email saying it was postponed until 9:30, so I had to deal with that change!

For me, the change in time didn't make too much of a difference. But for others, they had other commitments that had to be rescheduled and it definitely impacted them. For those of us who have given ourselves to Christ, we are used to big changes.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** says: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.* And

**Romans 12:2** says: *Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

These are HUGE changes! We are new creations! Our minds have been transformed! But to get back to the presentation.....

In the presentation, we were taught different techniques that would help us to relax and deal with stress. One of the techniques was a breathing technique, which I thought was great since I get very stressed out when I don't breathe! What the instructor showed us to do was to breathe deeply in through our nose and then out through our mouths. Completely getting rid of that stale air that is inside us.

We were taught visualization techniques. Such as picturing ourselves on a secluded beach with the waves coming in, listening to the sound of the waves and maybe a seagull or two.

We were taught about speaking the outcome of events. Vocalizing the results we want. Say you are applying for a new job. You will say to yourself, out loud: I will get this job. I will be able to answer any question they ask. I will not be stressed during the interview. I will be calm and professional.

Now I don't know where the instructor got her information or how she put her training together but as I listened to her, I wondered if she knew just how powerful words can be.

Words can hurt (and I'm not talking about someone throwing a dictionary at you and hitting you in the head). Words like "I hate you" or telling someone they are worthless or stupid can be deeply hurtful.

Words can heal. Like telling someone "I am sorry".  
But it even goes beyond that.

How did God create everything? He spoke it into being. In **Genesis**, God said: "*Let there be light.*" God said: "*Let the land and the water separate.*" God said: "*Let bright lights appear in the sky to separate the day from night.*"

Jesus used words to heal the Roman officer's servant in **Luke 7**.

Jesus was outside the officer's house when the officer said:

*"Lord, don't trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed."*

In **John 11:43**, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead when he said:  
*"Lazarus, come forth."*

In **Romans 10:9-10**, it says: "*For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.*"

And in **Exodus 13:9**, it is explaining about the festival of unleavened bread and about following the Lord's instructions. It

says: “.. *Always to keep the Lord’s instructions on your minds and on your lips.*”

The bible is filled with examples of how God and Jesus spoke things into being. And that power has also been given to us. You! Me! WE! We can speak things into being! We can say “Thank You God for this new job!” or “God, thank You for healing my foot!”. God wants to give us things! In **Isaiah 54:10**, God says: “*For the mountains may depart and the hills disappear, but even then I will remain loyal to you. My covenant of blessing will never be broken.*” Now God is speaking to Israel in that scripture but just a few chapters later, in **Isaiah 56:3** it says: “*And my blessings are for Gentiles, too, when they commit themselves to the Lord.*” It is God’s will that we are blessed!

So we have God’s blessings but why can we speak things into being?

It’s because we have dominion over everything in this earth. In **Genesis 1** it says: “*Then God said “Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves. They will be masters over all life.”*”

Now Adam lost this dominion when he sinned but Jesus reclaimed it for us. **John 3:35** say: “*The Father loves his Son and has given him authority over everything.*” Now here is the really great part: **John 17:22-23** is where Jesus is praying to God about those of us here on the earth. It says: *I have given them the glory You gave me so that they may be one as we are, I in them and You in me and they will understand that You love them as much as You love me.*” Let me go over that again and break it down, because it’s important!

*I have given them the glory You gave me* – Jesus is confirming to God that the glory He (Jesus) has, that we now have it as well.

*So that they may be one as we are, I in them and You in me – God and Jesus are one entity and now we have Christ living within us to have that personal connection with God. God is within Christ and Christ is within us!*

*And they will understand that you love them as much as you love me – God loves us as much as He loves Jesus!*

How humbling is that? And how awesome is that! With Christ in us, we have that authority – that dominion over everything in the earth! David recognized it when he wrote **Psalms 8**: “*You put us in charge of everything you made, giving us authority over all things.*”

Sound comes before manifestation. What does that mean? You hear the airplane before you see it. You can hear the car before it comes down the street. God said let there be light and there was light. Jesus said Lazarus come forth and Lazarus arose. When we want to see things happen, we need to speak them and then watch God work!

So if we have a problem with our health – Let’s speak it to go away. Rebuke it! Claim that healing!

If we have a problem with our car – speak it into being fixed. God’s power isn’t limited to just living things. God is the creator of ALL things. Remember **John 3:35** and **Psalms 8**, they said “*authority of everything*”. Jesus had authority over the storms and calmed them. He had authority over the fish to put them in the disciples nets. He had authority of the physical properties of water and walked on it. Even Peter had that authority as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus.

When we stay focused on Jesus, when we have faith, we too have authority! Have faith that the things you claim will work. All of the scriptures mentioned earlier (Isaiah 54:10, Isaiah 56:3, John 3:35, John 17:23, Psalms 8), all of these AND MORE say we have

this ability! And why can we trust these scriptures? Because they are the words of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that “All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God is thoroughly equipped for every good work”. Is it a good work when you rebuke sickness; when you give the glory to God and now you have more time to do mission work, to fellowship, to learn the word, to share the word? Of course it is! When we combine our God given abilities with faith – and how do we get faith? Romans 10:17 says “Hearing comes by faith and faith by the word of God”. The more we study the word of God, the more we learn, the more we hear what God has to say to us, faith will come to us. So, when we combine our God given abilities with faith, we truly can accomplish all things through Christ, because He gives us the strength and the authority to do so!

And the same way we can speak positive things into being, we can also bring curses upon ourselves by speaking negative things. Don't speak those! How many clichés today have worked themselves into our language that we say them without even thinking?

I'm never going to find a diet that works.

This headache is killing me.

I don't know how I'm going to survive in today's economy.

Nothing bad ever comes from God so you know where these phrases came from. It says in Proverbs 10:32 that “The lips of the godly speak helpful words, but the mouth of the wicked speaks perverse words”. So get rid of these negative things.

Instead of “I'm never going to find a diet that works”, say “Thank you God for giving me the strength to stick with a diet, the energy to work out and the motivation to continue on, even when I don't feel like.”

Instead of “This headache is killing me”, claim that healing, say: “I know that Jesus paid the price for my sins on the cross at Calvary

and that by Jesus' blood, I am healed and made whole and I rebuke this headache and tell it to leave now!"

Instead of "I don't know how I'm going to survive in today's economy", say "Thank you Lord, I know that you provided manna to the Israelites in the desert, that they had clothes that did not wear out for 40 years. I put my trust in you and know that you will provide me with all my needs. For you take care of the lilies and birds and you love us even more than them."

Don't speak curses upon ourselves. Speak the healings, the prosperity, the abundant blessings that God wants to give us. Let's claim the authority God has given us through the blood of Christ. Let's have the faith that it works. Let's study God's word! Let's share God's word! Let's speak God's word!

Lord – we thank you. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to reclaim our dominion over the entire earth. The dominion you gave us through Adam in the garden. And Lord, we exercise that dominion over our health. We claim healed and whole bodies, bodies where disease cannot live! We claim dominion over our finances, that debts will be eliminated, that new jobs, better jobs, fulfilling jobs will be offered to us!

We claim dominion over our relationships, over our property. Property that you have blessed us with. Lord, we may think that a squeaky car door is too small of a thing to pray for with all of the situations going on in this world but we know that you want to bless us in everything and that the fixing of a squeaking door will only serve to glorify you more. You are a God that created all things and yet you love us so much and you so want to be a part of every part of our lives that you will even fix a small squeaking door.

Thank you God!

And God, all honor and glory and praise are yours alone and yours forever!

Amen.