

# Immersion

## *Speech Declarations*

**ICEBREAKER:** Of all the words that have ever been said to you, which ones have had the biggest impact or consequence in your life? Either positively or negatively.

**Aim of Discussion:** To understand our speech is important. Learning how to make godly declarations in our lives.

### **Introduction:**

- 1 Tim 4:12 “<sup>12</sup>Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”
- Paul’s framework/pattern for growth:
  - Speech
  - Lifestyle
  - Love
  - Faith
  - Purity
- Today, we will focus on the area of speech, which is both what we speak and how we say it. The Bible talks about how life and death is in the power of the tongue. That is why our speech is very important.

### **Immersion and water**

- Immersion - Through baptism we have entered a new life with Jesus.
- Water represents the Holy Spirit
- We need to immerse our speech, lifestyle, love, faith and purity in the Holy Spirit.

## The Global Seed Vault



- Eph 1:3 'God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in in the heavenly realms because we are united in Christ.' It is just like the picture of the Global Seed Vault in Norway.
- The Global Seed Vault, "a long-term seed storage facility, built to stand the test of time — and the challenge of natural or man-made disasters" collected all the known seeds in the world, in case of emergency.
- We have all the spiritual seeds in our hands. Unless we take the seed and plant them into the soil, water and provide the right conditions for the seed to grow, the seed will remain a seed.
- We need to apply the promises, blessings and word of God in our lives. We need to learn to take things from the natural into the spiritual.

### But how to take things from the natural into the spiritual?

- In Gen 3:24 After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.
  - If Adam and Eve had eaten from the tree of life in the sinful state, they would have been stuck on that state forever.
  - It is in time that redemption can happen.
  - The way to the eternal was cut off for our sake, so we can have redemption.
- What is the flaming sword? Rev 1:16 mentioned the two-edged sword (Greek = Distomos)
- Di = Two /stomos = mouths. To take things from the natural into the spiritual, the two mouths are at work. There needs to be an alignment with our words and the words of God. Eph 6:17

## Example in Psalms 91

- Mouth 1#: This I declare about the Lord, He alone is my place of safety  
Ps 91:2
  - For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. (Ps 91:11 – 12)
  - God's promises of protection
  - And then He told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."
  - Mark 16:15-18 NLT
  
- Mouth 2#: The Lord says Ps 91:14
  - Psalms 91 is the example of how we can bring our speech into alignment with God. We speak first, then God says.... this is how the double-edged sword works.
  
- In 2 King 13:21, Elisha's bones carried power to cause a dead man to be revived and jumped to his feet because they contained spiritual power. Why? It is the power of the word of God.
- Hebrews 4:12 The word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, joint and marrow.
- It is important for us to bring our speech into alignment with God's word. Don't let the circumstances around us change our speech but let the word of God transform our speech.

**QUESTION:**

1. Words can have such a positive benefit to bring life rather than death. Are you known to be someone who speaks life or death to people around you?
2. How often do you take the promises in the Bible and declare them over yourself and your family? How can you increase the frequency?
3. What particular aspect of your speech you would like God to change? Pray for each person in the group in turn.

**Things you can do:**

Take these two declarations and declare them over you and your family:

1. In Christ we are more than conquerors! I am powerful and what I believe changes the world. So today I declare God loves me all the time. Nothing can separate me from His love. Jesus' blood paid for everything and I will tell nations of what He has done. I am important, how He made me is amazing. I was designed for worship. My mouth establishes praises to silence the enemy. Everywhere I go becomes a sick-free, health zone, and with God nothing is impossible!

2. I declare Isaiah 11

In Christ I declare the Spirit's understanding and wisdom, courage and discernment, insight and revelation, supernatural strength, signs and wonders, comfort and friendships, resilience and protection, open doors, favour and breakthrough, abundant finances, and good health. Lift them above every obstacle, doubt, and fear. We declare victory in Christ Jesus, no weapon formed against us shall stand! May your presence and peace be with us and go before us. I declare divine appointments and intersections. Thank you Lord Jesus!