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There is Power in Your Words

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Whatever comes out of our mouth has power!

- Words are spiritual; they carry power.
- The words we speak are vital of importance to our lives.
- Jesus said: For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned (Mt 12:37).
- There is creative power in God's words. From nothing, things existed:
"Let there be light, and there was light (Gen 1:3). The moment God said these words, is the moment that man became alive (Gen 1:27).
- The words of Jesus are powerful:
 - to heal the lame, the blind, the sick.
 - to command the dead to rise.
 - And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" (Jn 11:43).
 - to rebuke. When the apostles were in a boat and there was a storm, He rebuked the wind, and the wind obeyed.
 - He commanded the demon who possessed the boy, and the demon left (Mk 9:14-29). He drove out the devil, and healed all the sicknesses (Mt 8:16-17).

There is POWER in your Words:

1. Your words are **conveyors**
 - Conveyors are transporters, or carriers (similar to food delivery).
 - We should be conveyors of good news, of the word of God that brings life; let us not be conveyors of gossips "chismis" or scary news.
2. There is power in the **words that you speak**.
 - "The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts; consider that a small spark can set a forest on fire; a small bit in the horse's mouth can control the horse, can make them obey us; no matter how big or strong a horse may be, he can be controlled

- by a small bit. A small rudder can steer the ship, no matter the size of the ship, it can be directed by the rudder" (James 3:1-6).
 - Our tongue is a deciding factor in our life; no matter how fierce the storm, or how serious our problems are right now, your tongue will turn it. No matter how big the storm is, as a believer, you can always overcome it with God's words in your mouth. Your confession will control your ship in the storm.
3. There is power in your **confession**
 - In the sacrament of reconciliation, we used to think that confessing is just about our sins; but, confessing is also affirming something that you believe in; it is testifying to something you know; you can not confess or witness about things you do not know.
 - If you are always saying a wrong confession, it is a confession of defeat or failure; everytime you confess your doubts, fears, or weaknesses, then you are openly confessing that the word of God is not true.
 - For example, our Lord Jesus Christ declares that with His stripes, we are healed (Is 53:5). But then, if you always hold fast to your confession of weakness, lack, sickness and pain, then you will continue to have them. Rather, you should always pray to be in good health.

4. There is power in our **conversations**.

- We talk about our problems, instead of solutions. We talk about doubts and fears.
- Words build people up, but also tears down people.
- Words inspire, but words also destroy.

Reflection:

- a) What have your words done to the people that you have talked to? What is the effect on them?
- b) What have your words done to the people you are with? What do they experience when you speak?
- c) When people finish a conversation with you, are they blessed or not?

If your answers do not satisfy you, then change the way you speak to people. Your words should give hope, life, and encouragement.

5. The words you **say about yourself is important.**

- You must say what you see, touch, feel, taste, hear, and smell: these comprise sense knowledge or sense truth. The other is revelation truth. These are the words that we believe because of the senses.
- Be mindful of what you think because you eventually speak what you think. But thinking is not enough. What you say to yourself is important. Your thinking is revealed in what you speak.
 - Are your thoughts about yourself all negative? *"I am not smart. I am poor. I am hopeless. I will not be accepted. I am ugly."*
 - The devil does not recognize you according to what God says about you, he knows you are a child of God. But, he recognizes you based on what you say about yourself.
 - Therefore, you have to believe in yourself, because you can do all things through Christ, who is going to strengthen you.
- 6. Always **speak blessings**, not curses.
 - Your tongue has the power of life and death. Those who love it will eat its fruit (Prov 18:21).
 - You have been trapped by what you said, and snared by the words of your mouth (Prov 6:2).
 - Let us be careful about death, or words that are so negative. In Numbers 13:1-33, Moses sent 12 scouts to stop and see the Promised Land, and they saw the fruits. And yet, ten of them were very negative, they scared the people. They looked at themselves as so small, while they perceived the habitants as giants.
 - You have to believe in who you are; you are a child of God, you are a joint heir of the kingdom and suffering of Jesus Christ; you are a friend of Jesus.
 - Don't say: *"I can't receive my healing; I can't pay my bills, I am unlucky, I don't have money; I am afraid of the virus"*. These are all the fruits of your mouth, and these will happen.

Therefore, stop confessing negatives, stop complaining, stop criticizing, and stop lying.

7. **Command your mountains.**

- By faith, you can command mountains – these are obstacles, problems and sicknesses.
- Today, we are facing a huge mountain – a pandemic. The whole world is suffering from the corona virus.
- But, the Lord said, have faith in Him. "Have faith in God. Listen very carefully. Truly, I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him" (Mk 11:22-23).
- Cast away your fears, doubts, and sickness. These are mountains that will destroy our relationship with God. The Lord says to rebuke these mountains. You have to command these mountains. Cover your mouth if nothing beautiful will come out; do not talk at all.

8. **Claim the power of God's words.** They are powerful.

- "Only say the words, my servant will be healed. And at that very instant, he was healed" (Mt 8:5-13).
- Everything that comes out of our Lord's lips will happen (Is 55:11).
- Claim now! "No evil, no plague shall befall you ; no affliction will come near your tent (Psalm 91:10). This includes your family.
- There are so many promises of God. Read the Bible - the power of the word. Use and claim these verses, instead of talking words that are evil.
- Refuse to be intimidated by your senses. But, stick to the revelation truth, the words of God.

9. **Share and boast about Christ.**

- Every time you acknowledge what Christ has done, and who you are in Him, you glorify God, and give Him honor , and joy to the Holy Spirit, who is manifesting the Christ-like in you.
- All together, let's say with confidence: "The Lord is my helper; He will not forsake me nor abandon me" (Heb 13:5-6).
- He will never leave you and never forsake you. What can the virus do to us. We have

the covering of Christ, the blood of Christ that washes away the virus, bacteria, germs. He has protected us with a hedge of protection.

- Claim the promises of God. Let us be careful with what we say. Let us learn to control our words.
- Despite all that we hear, we should occupy our days with prayers.

Conclusion:

God is taking care of us. Just obey, stay at home. This is the time for you to listen to God, listen to your parents. On the other hand, parents, attend to your children, give them time. Children, share what God has done for you.

I shared about the miracle of God. I am now cancer-free for 5 years.

I believe praying together daily at 5pm, and doing fasting this epidemic will soon end.

Refrain from sharing nonsense or bad things/messages. Rather, say and share only good things and words of encouragement.

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