

## FAITH WORDS

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One of the most powerful influences in your life is your words. The question is not, are my words a force, but what kind of force are my words? Words have changed history, just look at Martin Luther King Jr., President Lincoln, Winston Churchill, and Jesus.

**READ** | James 3:2-6

Small things, like a metal bit in a horse's mouth or a ship rudder, can have a powerful effect. Think about the tongue like a bit or rudder. It is small yet very powerful.

**REFLECT** | Why do you think the tongue is so powerful?

### 2 Reasons Why the Tongue is so Powerful

- 1. Words have a way of revealing what you are full of.** | Luke 6:45; 2 Tim. 1:7; Matt. 9:21  
Paul wrote to Timothy about checking his internal dialogue. He knew that what goes on in our thoughts reflects the condition of our soul. Negative conversations usually reveal a heart that is full of negativity.
- 2. Words shape your future.** | Proverbs 18:21; Joel 2:10  
Words can create an atmosphere that can shape your life. Saying or confessing things out loud over yourself can alter your destination.

**REFLECT** | What things can you start to confess over yourself to shape your future?

**READ** | Numbers 13:31-33

It takes courage and God's grace to speak your faith and not your fears. In the story of Caleb and the 12 spies, 10 come back with negative reports and never got the chance to see the promised land. The 2 who had positive reports and spoke their faith (Joshua & Caleb) were blessed for it!

**REFLECT** | What blessings come from speaking your faith instead of your fears?

**SUMMARY** | Words have great power, that is why speaking words of faith is so important. The type of words you speak stem from what is in your heart though. Listening to your internal dialogue and stopping negative thoughts is key to unleashing the power and blessings of positive, faith-filled words.

**PRAYER** | Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.