

# Foreword | A Better Word

Hebrews 12:24

## *foreword*

*fore-*

combining form

: *earlier* :

beforehand, foresee

: *occurring earlier* :

occurring beforehand, foreshock

: *front part of (something specified)*:

ex: forearm

A FOREWORD to a book is usually written by someone other than the author and, based on relationship with the author, builds anticipation in the reader and tells you what you are going to read and why you should read it. For our purposes, it is:

## **Declaring Direction + Destiny**

Definition of Resonance:

- 1. Produce or be filled with a deep, full, reverberating sound.**
- 2. Evoke or suggest images, memories, and emotions.**

Resonance, An object free to vibrate tends to do so at a specific rate called the object's natural, or resonant, frequency.



“If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency, and vibration.” — Nikola Tesla

## **Genesis**

When God created the heavens and earth, He did so with the spoken word. Genesis one gives us nine “And God said” moments. God spoke, and it was so—light, water, land, vegetation, and so forth.”

## **John 1:1**

*In the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God and The Word was God.*

## **Colossians 1:15-17**

*He (Christ) existed before anything was created and he is supreme over all creation*

***16 for through him God created everything***  
*in the heavenly realms and on earth.*

*He made the things we can see*  
*and the things we can't see—*  
*such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.*  
*Everything was created through him and for him.*

***17 He existed before anything else,***  
*and he holds all creation together.*

## **Psalms 119:89**

*Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly mixed in the heavens.*

## **Genesis 2:7**

*then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

## **Genesis 1:26-28**

*Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. ...So God created man in his own image,*



*in the image of God he created him;*

*male and female he created them.*

*28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion*

**Law of the Universe: We are formed by words**

**My choice: Which words are going to form me?**

**What word(s) are you living under?**

**Hebrews 12:18**

*For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the **sound** of a trumpet and a **voice** whose **words** made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.*

*20 For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “**I tremble with fear.**”*

**wrong words, wrong emotions**

**Hebrews 12:22**

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks **a better word***



# **How to live by “A Better Word”**

## **1. Read the Word**

94% of all Christians have not read the Bible cover to cover.

Biblical literacy is at an all-time low

Reading the Bible changes the game

It determines whether a person becomes a Biblical Christian or a Cultural Christian

Become part of the 6% Club

## **2. Memorize the Word**

## **3. Declare the Word**

### **Declaring direction + destiny**

You can desire both direction and destiny, but if your confession and declaration are not in alignment, you can derail your life with your words.

Your future is too important to leave to chance.

Stop playing the lottery with your life.

## **4. Live the Word**



# Foreword | Dry Bones, Hear the Word of the Lord

## Declaring Direction + Destiny

### James 3:2

*For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.*

*3 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches...*

## Your DECLARATION determines your DESTINATION

## How to live by “A Better Word”

### 1) SEE IN THE SPIRIT (vv. 1-3)

#### Ezekiel 37:1

*The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”*

## LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

### 2) SPEAK IN THE SPIRIT (v. 4)

#### Ezekiel 37:4



*And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.*

## **SPEAK PROPHETICALLY BY DECLARING GOD'S WORD**

Not all believers are prophets

Not all believers have the gift of prophecy

But every believer can and should speak prophetically

### **Psalm 119:2**

*What joy overwhelms everyone who keeps the ways of  
God, those who seek him as their heart's passion.*

### **Psalm 119:14**

*I find more joy in following what you tell me to do than in  
chasing after all the wealth of the world.*

### **Psalm 119: 24**

*Your Commandments are my counselors; your Word is my  
light and delight!*

Declare:

I declare I will seek God as my heart's passion and  
as I do, joy will overwhelm me. Not only today, but everyday.

Declare:



I declare in 2024, I will store up God's Word in my heart that I may not sin against God or others . As I store up His Word, I will find joy and purity of heart.

Declare:

I declare to receive the counsel of God's Word and as I do, breakthrough comes where strongholds once existed.

### **3) THINGS BEGIN TO SHAKE IN THE SPIRIT (vv. 5-7)**

#### **Ezekiel 37:5**

*Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."*

*7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.*

***Don't run from the rattle!***

***In the natural, a rattle means things are falling apart***

***In the Spirit, a rattle means things are coming together!***



# Foreword | The Heavenly Language (Why Speaking in Tongues?)

Genesis 1, Genesis 11, Acts 2, James 3

“The church does not determine what the Bible teaches, it is the Bible that determines what the church must teach.”

—Charles Spurgeon

## Misconceptions about Speaking in Tongues:

1. It's Strange and Scary
2. I Can't Control It
3. The Holy Spirit is spooky
4. Speaking in tongues and other gifts of the Spirit ended with the completion of the Bible

## Why Speaking in Tongues?

### 1. When God wants to birth something new, he uses language.

1) God formed the world through The Word and The Spirit (Genesis 1)

#### Genesis 1

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.*

*And God said... and there was...*



2) The enemy tries to deform the world through distorted words and deceptive spirits (Genesis 3:1)

### **Genesis 3:1**

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field. He said to the woman, "Did God really say..."*

3) The people of God reform the world through declaring The Word in the power of The Spirit (John 1, John 20:22, Acts 2:1-4)

### **John 1:1**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

### **John 20:22**

*Then [Jesus] breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

### **Acts 2:1-4**

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

### **Genesis 11:1**

*At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. 2 As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.*

*3 They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." 4 Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world."*

*5 But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. 6 "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! 7 Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other."*



## **Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

## **Acts 2:1-6**

*On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

*5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.*

What was BROKEN at BABYLON

Was RESTORED at JERUSALEM

You can CHANGE CULTURE by CHANGING LANGUAGE

Whoever controls the LANGUAGE controls the CULTURE

What was Broken at Babylon?/ What is even now being restored at Jerusalem?

1. One people
2. Speaking one language
3. Then nothing would be impossible for them

**2. Whoever controls the tongue controls the life.**

**James 3:2**



*For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.*

## **For further Study:**

Read Acts 1-2

Read 1 Corinthians 12-14

[John Bevere, The Holy Spirit: An Introduction](#)

[Francis Chan, Forgotten God](#)

Nicky Gumbel, *The Holy Spirit*\*

\*Out of print. For a free pdf copy, email [prophesy@multiply.church](mailto:prophesy@multiply.church)

[R.T. Kendall, 40 Days with the Holy Spirit: A Journey to Experience His Presence in a Fresh New Way](#)

[R.T. Kendall, Holy Fire: A Balanced, Biblical Look at the Holy Spirit's Work in Our Lives](#)



# Foreword | Look to the Hills! Releasing Prophetic Solutions

## 2 Kings 6:8

*When the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he would confer with his officers and say, “We will mobilize our forces at such and such a place.”*

*9 But immediately Elisha, the man of God, would warn the king of Israel, “Do not go near that place, for the Arameans are planning to mobilize their troops there.” 10 So the king of Israel would send word to the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he would be on the alert there.*

*11 The king of Aram became very upset over this. He called his officers together and demanded, “Which of you is the traitor? Who has been informing the king of Israel of my plans?”*

*12 “It’s not us, my lord the king,” one of the officers replied. “Elisha, the prophet in Israel, tells the king of Israel even the words you speak in the privacy of your bedroom!”*

*13 “Go and find out where he is,” the king commanded, “so I can send troops to seize him.”*

*And the report came back: “Elisha is at Dothan.” 14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city..*

## Ezekiel 37:4

*Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.”*

1. Read the Word
2. Memorize the Word
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## Psalms 119:165

There is such a great peace and well-being that comes to the lovers of your Word, and they will never be offended.



## **Acts 2:17**

*“In the last days, God says,  
“I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.”*

## **1 Corinthians 14:5**

*I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy.*

## **2 Kings 6:14**

*So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.*

*15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. “Oh, sir, what will we do now?” the young man cried to Elisha.*

## **What to do when you are sensing the activity of the enemy in your life:**

### **1. “Don’t be afraid” (v. 16a)**

The prophetic doesn’t arouse fear; it erases fear

### **2. “There are more who are for us than those who are against us” (v. 16b)**

The prophetic recognizes the power of God is greater than the power of the enemy

### **3. “Open his eyes” (v. 17a)**

## **2 Kings 6:17a**



*Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!”*

The prophetic looks beyond the obvious reality to a greater reality

#### **4. “Look to the hills” (v. 17b)**

#### **2 Kings 6:17b**

The Lord opened the young man’s eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

The prophetic shifts our focus from the activity of the enemy to the activity of God

#### **The Power of Attention**

Basic tenant of psychology: “My experience is what I agree to attend to.”

German word, “Zerstreutheit”- a state of continual distraction; confused, dazed, scatter-brained

The abolition of this condition is what we call “the awakening of attention”

#### **5. “Follow me” (vv. 18-20)**

#### **2 Kings 6:18**

*As the Aramean army advanced toward him, Elisha prayed, “O Lord, please make them blind.” So the Lord struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked.*

*19 Then Elisha went out and told them, “You have come the wrong way! This isn’t the right city! Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to the city of Samaria.*

*20 As soon as they had entered Samaria, Elisha prayed, “O Lord, now open their eyes and let them see.” So the Lord opened their eyes, and they discovered that they were in the middle of Samaria.*



The prophetic doesn't just point out problems; the prophetic releases solutions

**6. "Give them food and drink and send them home again to their master." (v. 22-23a)**

**2 Kings 6:21**

*When the king of Israel saw them, he shouted to Elisha, "My father, should I kill them? Should I kill them?" 22 "Of course not!" Elisha replied. "Do we kill prisoners of war? Give them food and drink and send them home again to their master." 23 So the king made a great feast for them and then sent them home to their master.*

The prophetic moves from judgement to mercy

**7. After that, the Aramean raiders stayed away from Israel (v. 23b)**

The prophetic closes the door on the attack



# Foreword | The Power of Agreement

## 2 Chronicles 10

“My experience is what I agree to attend to.”

What words are you living in agreement with?

What limits have you placed on yourself because of wrong words you’ve been living in agreement with?

### 2 Chronicles 10:1

*Rehoboam went to Shechem, where all Israel had gathered to make him king. 2 When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of this, he returned from Egypt, for he had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon. 3 The leaders of Israel summoned him, and Jeroboam and all Israel went to speak with Rehoboam. 4 “Your father was a hard master,” they said. “Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects.”*

*5 Rehoboam replied, “Come back in three days for my answer.” So the people went away.*

*6 Then King Rehoboam discussed the matter with the older men who had counseled his father, Solomon. “What is your advice?” he asked. “How should I answer these people?”*

*7 The older counselors replied, “If you are good to these people and do your best to please them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.”*

*8 But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers. 9 “What is your advice?” he asked them. “How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?”*

*10 The young men replied, “This is what you should tell those complainers who want a lighter burden: ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist! 11 Yes, my father laid heavy burdens*



*on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!"*

*12 Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to hear Rehoboam's decision, just as the king had ordered. 13 But Rehoboam spoke harshly to them, for he rejected the advice of the older counselors 14 and followed the counsel of his younger advisers. He told the people, "My father laid heavy burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!"*

*15 So the king paid no attention to the people. This turn of events was the will of God, for it fulfilled the Lord's message to Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh.*

*16 When all Israel realized that the king had refused to listen to them, they responded,*

*"Down with the dynasty of David!*

*We have no interest in the son of Jesse.*

*Back to your homes, O Israel!*

*Look out for your own house, O David!"*

*So all the people of Israel returned home. 17 But Rehoboam continued to rule over the Israelites who lived in the towns of Judah.*

*18 King Rehoboam sent Adoniram, who was in charge of forced labor, to restore order, but the people of Israel stoned him to death. When this news reached King Rehoboam, he quickly jumped into his chariot and fled to Jerusalem. 19 And to this day the northern tribes of Israel have refused to be ruled by a descendant of David.*

## **To Live in Agreement with the Right Words:**

### **1. Understand the difference between words from the enemy and words from God**

Words from the enemy sound like:

*10 The young men replied, "This is what you should tell those complainers who want a lighter burden: 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist! 11 Yes, my father laid heavy burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!'"*



1) Heavy burden

*I'm going to burden you*

2) Disapproval

*I'm not pleased with you.*

3) Punishment

*You deserve to be punished*

Words from God sound like:

*7 The older counselors replied, "If you are good to these people and do your best to please them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects."*

1) Goodness

*I am good to you.*

2) Lighter burden

*My yoke is easy and my burden is light*

3) Pleasing

*I am pleased with you*

4) Favor

*I want to bring favor upon you*

5) Loyalty

*I will never leave you or forsake you*

**2. Understand the difference between what is popular and what is wise**



v. 8a *But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and asked the opinion of the young me*

### **3. Understand the difference between advice and opinion**

v. 8a *But Rehoboam rejected the **advice** of the older men and asked the **opinion** of the young men*

### The Power of Agreement

**1) Just because words are spoken doesn't mean you have to agree with them.**

#### **Deuteronomy 19:15**

*A matter must be established by two or three witnesses*

#### **1 Timothy 5:19**

*Do not entertain an accusation ... unless it is brought by two or three witnesses*

#### **2 Corinthians 13:1**

*Every matter must be established by two or three witnesses*

**2) For something to be established in your life, it requires your agreement.**

You have the power to establish God's Word in your life by agreeing with it.

#### **Luke 1:38**

*"May your word to me be fulfilled." ... Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."*



# Foreword | Winning the Mind War

“Mental health, mental clarity, mental toughness, and mental agility all have one thing in common. The journey begins in our minds. This is where the battle is fought—and where the battle is won. Every time you want to elevate your level of execution, performance, or effectiveness, it will require a mind shift. For anything to change, the first thing that must change is your mind.”

—Erwin Raphael McManus

## **3 decisions:**

1) You have to choose between acceptance and uniqueness

If you are addicted to affirmation, you will become what others want you to be rather than who you were created to become.

2) You don't need an audience

It's what you do in private that makes you who you are.

3) Talent is a hallucination

It will make you believe that hard work and discipline are for everyone else.

**“Transform your thinking. Transform your life.”<sup>1</sup>**

Luke 4:1

The Temptation of Jesus

*And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him If you are the Son of God,*

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<sup>1</sup> Erwin McManus, *Mindshift*



*command this stone to become bread.” 4 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” 5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 And Jesus answered him, “It is written,*

*“‘You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.’”*

*9 And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written,*

*“‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’*

*11 and*

*“‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”*

*12 And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

*13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.*

We are formed by words

*And God said... (Gen 1)*

The enemy tries to deform us by words

*Did God really say? (Gen 3)*



Often, the enemy's voice doesn't sound like the OPPOSITE of the truth

It sounds like ALMOST the truth

**How did Jesus combat toxic lies of the enemy?**

**Declaring the Word of God out loud.**

If *The Word* combatted toxic lies by declaring The Word,

then why do we think we can do so with less?

## **How do we try to combat the toxic lies of the enemy?**

1) Digital Distraction

2) Win a Cage Fight

“Mental health, mental clarity, mental toughness, and mental agility all have one thing in common. The journey begins in our minds. **This is where the battle is fought—and where the battle is won.**

**“Transform your thinking. Transform your life.”**

Transform your WORDS, transform your thinking.

Transform your thinking, transform your life.



### 3) Remove & Replace

## **Why Scripture Memory is such a blessing**

1. It greatly honors God It is humbling ourselves and saying to the Lord, “I need your words in my life more than any other teaching or philosophy.” It is saying to the Lord, “I love you so much, that I am prepared to allow You to speak into my life ahead of any book, teacher, university lecturer, doctor, famous preacher/ speaker, social media post, or YouTube sermon.”
2. It enables us to hear God's voice throughout the day.
3. Memorizing Scripture changes our thinking

## **How to Memorize The Word**

1. Write it
2. See it
3. Say it (speaking God’s Word out loud increases memory by 50%)

Greek word for “worry”

merimnáō

drawn in opposite directions;

to go to pieces" because pulled apart (in different directions)



## Foreword | Burn the Plow

### 1 Kings 19:19

*So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”*

*“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”*

*21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.*

### **What can hold you back from moving forward?**

- 1) Current Relationships (v. 20)
- 2) Previous Provision (v. 21a)
- 3) Thinking that a cloak on your shoulders means you’re ready to hold it in your hand (vv. 19b, 21b)

### 1 Kings 1:19b

*Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.*

**Pride often manifests itself when you mistake early success for thinking you’re ready to be in charge.**



## **1 Kings 1:21b**

*Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.*

## **To increase your anointing:**

### **1. Pour cold water on your leader's hands- bring refreshing**

#### **2 Kings 3:11**

*But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no prophet of the LORD here, through whom we may inquire of the LORD?" An officer of the king of Israel answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah."*

### **2. Be willing to go beyond when others are content to watch from a distance**

#### **2 Kings 2:1**

*When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Bethel."*

*But Elisha replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you!" So they went down together to Bethel.*

**Bethel** - The place of the Presence

The enemy of Bethel is busyness

#### **2 Kings 2:4**

*Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to Jericho."*

*But Elisha replied again, "As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you." So they went on together to Jericho.*

**Jericho** - The place of breakthrough

The enemy of Jericho is discouragement and giving up



## **2 Kings 2:6**

*Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has told me to go to the Jordan River.”*

*But again Elisha replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you.” So they went on together.*

*7 Fifty men from the group of prophets also went and watched from a distance as Elijah and Elisha stopped beside the Jordan River.*

**To get what others won't get you've got to be willing to go to places others won't go.**

**Jordan** - The place of destiny

The enemy of the Jordan is waiting for ideal circumstances

## **2 Kings 2**

*8 Then Elijah folded his cloak together and struck the water with it. The river divided, and the two of them went across on dry ground!*

*9 When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away.”*

*And Elisha replied, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor.”*

*10 “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah replied. “If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won't.”*

*11 As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha saw it and cried out, “My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!” And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress.*

*13 Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak, which had fallen when he was taken up.*

## **2 Kings 2**

*13 Then Elisha returned to the bank of the Jordan River. 14 He struck the water with Elijah's cloak and cried out, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.*



# Foreword | Just Say the Word

“Words are themselves sacred, God’s tool for creating the universe, and our tools for bringing holiness—or evil—into the world.”

—Jewish theologian Abraham Heschel

## Proverbs 18:21

*The power of life and death is in the tongue*

## James 3

*3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.*

## Change your words, change your life!

## Matthew 8

### The Faith of a Roman Officer

*5 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, 6 “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.”*

*7 Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.”*

*8 But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. 9 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.”*

*10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel! 11 And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. 12 But many Israelites—those for whom*



*the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

*13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.*

### **1 Samuel 3:1**

*In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.*

### **Acts 2**

*17*

*“In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.*

*18*

*Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

### **This is the age of a Word directly from Jesus**

- 1. Are we limiting the Word by our circumstances? The Word is not confined by your circumstances (vv. 5-6)**
- 2. Are we limiting The Word by our religious background? The Word is not confined by your background (vv. 10-12)**
- 3. Are we limiting the Word by our understanding of space and time? The Word is not confined by our limitations of space and time (v. 13)**
- 4. Are we limiting the Word by our lack of understanding of authority? (vv. 8-9)**



