

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

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**Our Voice Matters**

# God Positions Us 'To Speak'

## Acts 4:12-14 NLT

<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup> The members of the council were amazed when they saw the **boldness of Peter and John**, for they could see that **they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures**. They also recognized them as **men who had been with Jesus**. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.

# Q. How Does the Enemy Respond?

## Acts 4:16-20 NLT

<sup>16</sup> “What should we do with these men?” they asked each other. “We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. <sup>17</sup> But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus’ name again.” <sup>18</sup> So they called the apostles back in and **commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.** <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? <sup>20</sup> **We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.**”

# Q. How Is God Speaking to Me?

**Matt 10:26-27** NLT

<sup>26</sup> But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. <sup>27</sup> **What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!**

**“You can change the  
course of your life with  
your words.”**

# The Voice of Authority and Power...

## Revelation 12: 7-11 ESV

<sup>7</sup> Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon... <sup>8</sup> but he was defeated, ... <sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world... <sup>10</sup> And **I heard a loud voice in heaven**, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and **by the word of their testimony**, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

# The Voice of Proclamation

## Mark 16:15-16 ESV

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

## Romans 8:22 ESV

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”

# The Voice of Justice...

## Proverbs 31:8-9 NLT

- <sup>8</sup> Speak up for **those who cannot speak** for themselves;  
ensure justice for those being crushed.
- <sup>9</sup> Yes, speak up for **the poor and helpless**,  
and see that they get justice.

**Q. What is Godly justice?**



# Is What We Say Significant?



‘Bully A Plant: Say No To Bullying’  
Student, 30-day experiment...

“...beautiful words create beautiful nature. Ugly words create ugly nature...”

Dr. Masaru Emoto



# The Voice of Prayer ...

## Psalm 66:17-20 ESV

<sup>17</sup> I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened; **he has attended to the voice of my prayer.** <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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