# Speaking Life

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Very few people are aware that the words that we speak have a creative power, both negative and positive. Proverbs says people can be snared by the words that they speak. (Proverbs 6:2)

A man can be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth and the more he speaks, the more he is filled (Proverbs 18:20-21). Why is this so? How is it that words have creative power?

We see firstly that nothing was made without 'the Word' (John 1:1-3). All was made by God through the Word, who was in the beginning with God. This was no other than Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. And he (Jesus) is before all things and by Him all things exist. (Colossians 1:17). Everything was created by the Word, and it is by the Word that they exist or are kept. (Hebrews 11:3, 1:3)

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## Words of Faith

The Scripture above says that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. In a much smaller

sense, whether you realise it or not, you are making your world with your words, daily. Whether you are speaking words full of faith or fear, the difference is the same – you are framing your own world and you will live in it.

Words will transmit fear or faith. A man's belly will be full of them. If you are always talking about bad news, that will transmit oppression and fear, but faith talk will transmit faith and good news.

We know that the Gospel is Good News.  Jesus came with the good news of salvation. He brought the good word that gives life. (John 10:10) Jesus said, 'I have come'. Thank God He came! The Word has come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. The Good News of the the living Word, Jesus, creates abundant life for your spirit, soul and body. Hence, when you speak God's words, you are speaking life. You are speaking faith. Faith, which is the substance of things we hope for. (Hebrews 11:1)

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## Words Create Pictures

If you continue to proclaim God's Word, continue to proclaim God's promises, you will have an image created by God's Word.

Let me explain what I mean. If you have never seen a place before and someone describes it in much detail, then you will begin to form an image in your mind of what it looks like – it's streets, houses and so on.  Or let's say I describe a certain person to you, and when you meet that person, you know that this is the person described to you. How do you know that this is the person if you have never met him before?  Yes, you 'saw' him in my description. You made a picture of him in your mind through my words as I described him. The words created an image inside your mind. Your mind creates powerful images out of the words you hear. Words can also make you recall images you have seen before. If I talk about your house, you will immediately see it. Why don't you see a piece of cake? Because that is not what the words are saying. My words control what you are seeing in your mind. Words produce, recall and change images. This depends on what kind of words are used. The right words will create the right kinds of images.

When the word of God is in you, it can create an image after its kind. When that image is perfected inside you, then it's an opportunity for faith to arise.

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# Faith and the Word of God

Faith can come! But what is faith? We have already said it is God's building material for the things hoped for. It is the reality of the unseen things. All the people of God, those born again, have been given a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

How was this measure of faith given? How do you measure faith? I want to think that faith is measured by the amount of the word of God one has. Jesus once said, 'If we abide in His word and His word abides in us, we can bear much fruit'. Faith can increase when we take in more of the Word.  How do we get more faith?  It is by hearing the word of God with an open heart (Romans 10:17). What I am saying is not meant to be a formula, but as something meant to be done in relationship with Jesus (the object of our faith) and out of the intimacy of walking with the Father.

Faith comes by the Word of God. It is found in the Word. Some have little or no faith at all, because they either have little of God's Word or no Word at all. When we say a person has no faith, we are simply saying that the Word of God is not in them.

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It is not the written word that works but, more specifically, the written word that is spoken by God into our hearts, which we speak. The children of Israel had all the written words they needed, yet their situation became worse. When God directed them with His Spirit, it gave them life, because the Spirit gives life. (John 6:63) The written word engraved on stones or paper can kill if not appropriated by the Spirit working in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

This is the very reason God requires you and I to say what we need in order to get it. It is the confession with the mouth that brings salvation (Romans 10:8-9, Mark 11:23). Let's remember to be those who speak life and who hold onto the Word of God.