

## Speaking Spirit: The Power Of Your Subjective Word

On Sunday, Jason Powell invited us to consider the power of the words we speak to shape our reality.

1. Warm up question. Summer is now upon us. What's something fun you have planned for this summer?
2. Jason said, "I am a speaking spirit. You are a speaking spirit." What do you think he meant by the term "speaking spirit"?
3. Most of us are accustomed to thinking about the power and presence of God being located in various places – in heaven, in a group of believers gathered together, in a holy temple or other sacred place, in a person, or in a situation. In your way of thinking, where is the presence and power of God most intensely located?
4. When we take a panoramic view of God's work throughout the Scriptures, Jason suggested we see a movement in our awareness of the primary location of God's power and presence. It begins in heaven, then comes to Eden, then to the ephod (vestments worn by priests), then the Ark of the Covenant, then the temple, then Jesus. When Jesus arrives, he teaches us that, "The kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21.
  - a. What pattern, if any, do you see in our growing human awareness of the primary location of God's power and presence?
  - b. What did Jesus mean when he said, "The kingdom of God is within you"?
5. Jason focused on two Scriptures to help us better understand how we can better experience "the kingdom of God within us." First let's read Acts 2:1-4 (New King James Version).
  - a. Verse one says they were in "one accord in one place." Could the miracle of Acts 2 have happened without them being in one accord in one place? To realize the power of God in their lives, why was it so important for them (and us) to be in one accord in one place?
  - b. Imagine you were present in the room with these early believers as the events of verses 2-4 unfolded. Describe what you imagine you would have seen and experienced? What was happening immediately before, during, and after the miracle of verses 2-4?
  - c. Note that when the power of God filled these believers, the primary impact was on how they spoke, i.e., "they began to speak in other tongues." What is the significance of that?

6. Jason said, “When we look at this passage on an esoteric level, we discover hidden meaning that applies to our inner life! From a metaphysical standpoint, “other tongues” is related to your inner speech, your subjective Word! What are you saying about yourself, within yourself? What are you saying within yourself about yourself, God, others, and life? That is your SUBJECTIVE WORD! And I submit to you today that this is an area in your life that the Spirit wants to empower! The tongue is your SPIRITUAL CREATIVE FACULTY, which is inclusive of your inner speech! Inner speech is the same thing as your subjective word!”
  - a. What thoughts or questions arise within you as you ponder this statement? What resonates with you? What puzzles you? What bothers you?
  - b. Generally speaking, right now in your life, what are you saying within yourself about yourself? Do you like what you’re saying? Is it contributing to your wellbeing?
  
2. Now let’s read Mark 11:12-14 and 20-24 (NKJV). Here Jesus is using nature (mountains and trees) to explain a vital spiritual truth.
  - a. When Jesus first spoke to the fig tree, what happened? By a day later, what happened? What might we learn from this about how our words affect reality?
  - b. In his book on the Sermon on the Mount, Emmett Fox says, “With a new difficulty of any kind, it is the reception that you give it mentally, and the attitude that you adopt towards it in your own thought, that completely determine its effect upon you. That is what matters. What matters to you, truly, is not people or things or conditions in themselves, but the thoughts and beliefs that you hold concerning them.” Do you buy this? Why or why not? When have you experienced this principle in your own life?
  - c. In verse 22, when Jesus’ disciples express astonishment at the impact his words had on the fig tree, Jesus responds, “Have faith in God.” How would you define faith? And why is faith critical to our ability to be powerful “speaking spirits”?
  - d. In verse 23, Jesus speaks of moving mountains. Right now in your life, what mountain do you face that needs to move?
  - e. According to verse 23, what has to happen for that mountain to move?
  - f. Jason said, “Repeated words and thought-images, clothed in feelings, become beliefs in the subconscious mind/heart; from there it discharges in action and manifestation!” With this in mind, take a moment to formulate a brief statement or thought-image you need to bring against the mountain you are facing. Who’s comfortable sharing your statement or thought-image?
  - g. What does verse 24 mean? What do you get from it?
  - h. Given what we’ve talked about, what, if anything, do you intend to do differently?