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CHANGE YOUR WORDS AND CHANGE YOUR LIFE

#5 "ADDRESSING YOUR PROBLEMS - PT 3"

James 3:2-5 (TPT) We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words. Yet if we're able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means our character is mature and fully developed. Horses have bits and bridles in their mouths so that we can control and guide their large body. And the same with mighty ships, though they are massive and driven by fierce winds, yet they are steered by a tiny rudder at the direction of the person at the helm. And so the tongue is a small part of the body yet it carries great power!

Today's lesson:

How you _____ your problems matters.

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

3 ingredients of the right way to speak to your problems:

- Speak with _____ and _____.
- **Matthew 4:1-11**
- **Hebrews 4:12**
- **Psalm 29:4-5.**
- **Ephesians 6:17**

- Speak with _____ and _____.
- **Mark 11:22-24**
- **Hebrews 11:1**
- **Joshua 21:45**
- **Isaiah 55:10-11**
- **Luke 1:37**
- **1 Samuel 17:43-47**
- Speak with confident _____.

In faith and with a heart to obey I confidently declare:

"I put my trust in God, believing that He is good, faithful, able, powerful and loving. He cares about me, concerns Himself with the things that concern me, is responsible for me and provides providential care over me ... never wanting to hurt or harm me ... He is completely and personally trustworthy."

Psalm 20:7 (NIV) Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 40:1-4 (NIV) I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.