

# **Speak!**

**9-20-20**

Zechariah 8:23 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.”

Why would someone grab hold of you and say, “We have heard God is with you.” **Evidently, they saw or heard something about you that manifest the presence of God.** In the darkness God’s people are the light. **Where there are no answers the church has answers.** Note what people are “not” saying: You are so smart; you are so educated; you are so talented; you are so charismatic. **However, they are saying, “We have heard that God is with you.” This is the work of God, initiated by God and mediated through his people.**

The number Ten is often used as number of completeness. Meaning people from every nation are seeking out the Jews. Who are these NT Jews?

Romans 2:28–29 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup>For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. <sup>29</sup>But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, **by the Spirit**, not by the letter.

In graphic Biblical language, true Jews are those who have had their heart circumcised by the Spirit. Basically, this means they have received the Holy Spirit of God. **Transformation has taken place!**

**This same work of God initiated by God and mediated through his people is declared in 1Cor.14:24-25.**

1 Corinthians 14:24–25 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, <sup>25</sup> the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, **he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.**

These non-believers declare, “God is among you,” because of something the believers spoke. When these believers spoke, there was evidence that God was with them. **The church knows the very words of God. When those of the church speak it is as if God Himself speaks.** (Now I know that many unstable people that misuse God’s Word, but let us not throw away using the power of God for fear of the unstable.)

**Therefore, as people of God, speak and bring God into every situation.** Pastor Milliken walked in God’s presence with the world around him submissive. **He would openly declare, “Let us bring God into this situation.”** Let God use us to speak HIS Word to the unbelieving heart.

1 Corinthians 2:4–5 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> My speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,** <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God.**

Note what Paul is “not” saying: I am so smart; I am so educated; I am so talented; I am so charismatic. **He is saying,** “My speech is in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”

**We begin by knowing who God is!**

Jeremiah 32:27 (ESV)

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

**Knowing who God is, we speak! Our Words have the Power of God. This is why Jesus said, "Speak to the mountain!"**

Mark 11:23 (ESV)

Truly, I say to you, whoever **"says"** to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.'

**Look at this from Jesus' perspective. Jesus was at creation. God created the mountains.**

Genesis 1:9 (ESV)

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

**Jesus is saying, "God spoke and created the mountain. Therefore, HE can speak and move the mountain HE created." God tells us to speak to the mountain and HE will move it.**

**Our job is easy, "Speak!" We speak God into the situation and God takes care of the situation. This is powerful. What happens when two or more believers get together?**

Matthew 18:19–20 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> **For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.**

**When we meet the multiplied Power of Jesus is present!**

1 Corinthians 5:4 (ESV)

**When you are assembled** in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, (“Speak!”)

**This is why Jesus says when things get bad, do not neglect meeting together. God wants to move heaven and earth through us, and HE needs us to meet together.**

Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)

**Do not neglect meeting together**, but encouraging one another, and **all the more** as you see the Day drawing near.

**Satan knows the power of the church and does not want us to meet together.** Therefore, we meet and speak God’s presence into everything we face. However, we always pave the way by speaking what is of first importance!

1 Corinthians 1:23 (ESV)

**We preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles.