



Freedom in the Word

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DEVELOPING A WORD MENTALITY

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Isaiah 53:1 says, “Who will believe the report of the Lord?” Many times the world report is different from the Word report so we have to get the “L” out of the world and believe God’s Word as our “final answer.” Having a Word mentality is to establish a belief system. Our thought life now has a standard based upon this belief system. Our words which have creative power are a reflection of, and reveal our thought life.

We establish a belief system through meditating and marinating God’s Word. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, “*Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needs not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of truth.*”

Our thought life now has boundaries, discipline, and instruction on how we should think in line with the Word. Proverbs 23:7 says, “*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*” How do we think in our heart? We meditate upon the Word of God that is written upon the *tablet of our heart*. (Prov. 7:3) Philippians 4:8 is the standard for our thought lives. We think only on that which is *true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report*. Intrusive, lying, and lewd thoughts can be cast down and brought into captivity. (2 Corinthians 10:5) Many believers are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6) Many believers act on the lies of the devil instead of the truth of God’s Word. (John 8:44)

Our words reflect a thought life that is positive or negative, full of faith or full of fear. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21) A Word mentality simply renews our mind to what God has said. It’s human nature (world mentality) to be negative and respond in fear to what we see and hear in the sense realm. This is why we “renew our mind.” (Romans 12:2)

What are we going to do? We’re going to act like the Word is true. How are you doing since we last prayed for you? #1 - It’s better (manifested) or #2 - the Word is still working! (A statement of faith) These are two examples of a faith response that is backed up by the promises of God. Sometimes the good news is that the bad news was wrong. The Word mentality is always on the faith end of every equation and says so!

DOR

Katie Brigmon

I was watching a movie about a man in Officer’s Candidate training and the term DOR kept coming up. I didn’t know what that was so I looked it up on the computer. I ended up in a chat room where graduates encouraged candidates to hang in there. I learned that DOR is a Drop Out Report. One previous graduate wrote and many others agreed:

- simple**
- don't DOR
- don't think of DORing
- don't say DOR
- forget it's an option

That sounds like what we do when we go into prisons. As believers we want to be sensitive to those around us that may be discouraged so that we can pump some courage into them. The scripture says in **Hebrews 10:25 ... let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

A Bible historian lecturing about the temple area said that there was a separate entrance and an exit door into the temple’s outer courts. If someone was going through a hard time they entered through the exit so that everyone would know that they needed ministry. I wish it was that simple to know that secretly someone is thinking about giving up. Maybe we should be sure that our words are always seasoned with love and encouragement.

No DOR’s on our watch.

MINISTRY FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Bartlett Unit..... Sep. 3, 5, 14, 17, 21, 28
- Travis Unit..... Sep. 14, 21, 28
- Lockhart Unit (Women)..... Sep. 13, 19
- FCI Bastrop..... Sep. 20
- COPE* Conference..... Sep. 22 – 25
- Kyle Unit..... Sep. 27
- Hughes Unit..... Sep. 30

One on One county jail visits

*COPE (Coalition of Prison Evangelist)

Prison Ministry Diaries

At a Women's Unit we were to discuss Ephesians 4:29 (on this page) in our small groups:

A young Hispanic lady came to the group with tears and a look of hopelessness. Her friend interpreted to the group that this girl had three children and a husband on the outside. She had just learned that her husband was in jail after a traffic stop because he doesn't have papers. She had no way to know what happened to her husband or her children. "If he's in jail who's caring for the children," she worried.

This group of inmates without ever reading the lesson went into encouragement overdrive. They began to tell her about how the chaplain would help her call the county jail where her husband was incarcerated. We prayed as a group for the Holy Spirit to comfort her and we asked God to place angels around her family members.

When our group time was over we had done very little reading about encouragement but instead we were "doers of the Word". The practical application of God's love is a beautiful thing to witness.

Pray the Word

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. NIV

**Oh that a man might arise in me
That the man I am improves to be
All the potential that God can see
To complete my purpose and destiny. RR**

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, FCI & FPC Bastrop, Travis Unit, TCCC Del Valle, Halbert Unit, and Murray Unit in Gatesville as well as county jail visits.

Mail Bag

Hi Ron & Katie: I'm reading your devotional guide, "Pray the Word." It's like my heart needed a tune-up, I find a little power each day through your writing. Thank you! For 37 years it has been all about me, me, me. Your writing seems to talk to my heart. I'm trying to find the Kingdom of God. Pray for me. R.H. (county jail)

Hi Ron: This is R's wife, K. He just wanted me to drop you a line and let you know we are doing good. He was in the Bartlett State Jail and went to your services every time you were there. We have bought a house. We have also been going to the First Baptist Church. He still speaks of you often and thinks very highly of you. You don't know how much you helped him while he was at Bartlett. Keep spreading the Word and helping others, as you helped my husband. Thank You so much." R & K

Dear Pastor Brother, Thank you for "Pray the Word", it is priceless. When I feel the need to pay my mind draws a blank. Then I remember "Pray the Word". This is my first time being incarcerated and it's taken a toll on me. Please put my name on your prayer list. I need all the help I can get. Thanks a million - W.B.

Ron: I want to thank you and Katie for encouraging me to keep on memorizing and studying the Word of God. It has paid off in every single area of my life. He has answered every single one of my prayers. I used to be very forgetful. Today I retain information very well. I have had many dreams about me fixing to use drugs again, only to find myself in those dreams speaking the Word of God so loud that I wake up to myself speaking the Word of God just like I did in your class. H.M.

**MATTHEW 25:36
TEAM MEMBER**

...I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME...