

Part 3: The Power of A Good Report

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Matthew 12:34-37

34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Numbers 13:30-31

30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

Numbers 14:7-9

and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

Deuteronomy 1:27, 29-31

27 You grumbled in your tents and said, "The Lord hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us.

29 Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. 30 The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, 31 and in the desert. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

Romans 8:31

If God is for us, who can be against us?

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie discussed how our words can either encourage and inspire or discourage and destroy, drawing from Proverbs about mindfulness in speech. Can you share about a time when someone's words lifted you up?
2. In Matthew 12:36-37, it talks about giving an account for every careless word we speak. How does this impact your view of the words you use?
3. The message highlighted Caleb's positive and faith-filled report in Numbers 13-14, contrasting it with the negative reports of others. How can sharing positive and faith-filled words change the atmosphere in your school, job, or community?
4. Pastor Jamie said that Caleb and Joshua had faith in God despite facing giants in the land. What are some 'giants' you face in your life, and how can faith help you confront them?
5. Pastor Jamie urges us to use our words to inspire faith rather than succumb to a culture of fear. What are some practical steps you can take this week to focus on speaking life and positivity to those around you?

Ministry Time:

Pray for anyone who is facing giants and fears that are hindering their faith to step out to follow God.

Pray for anyone who needs extra boldness to share God's love and encouragement—a good report—with others this week.