

PLEASE SORRY THANKS

Please, Sorry, Thanks

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Scripture: Proverbs 18:21, Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:28, John 1:1,3, Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Sermon Overview: The best predictor of success in life, in love, and in leadership is your proficiency at *please*, *sorry*, and *thanks*. Those three words are the foundation of all healthy relationships and successful careers. Those three words are the only ceiling on achieving your dreams. Words become worlds, so you can change your world just by changing your words.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. Homework from Pastor Mark: Memorize five promises of God. Use these five promises to change your mental outlook and the words you are prophesying over your life.
2. How has God used His Word to change the world you live in?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. The Book of Proverbs says the power of life and death are in the tongue (Prov 18:21). What does this Scripture mean? How can your words affect your attitude and perspective today? How did they affect your attitude and perspective over the past week?
2. In Exodus 4, Moses told God that he could not speak properly. What was God's response? What was God's promise to Moses? Has God put a task or a dream on your heart? How have you responded to God? What is God's promise to you? Speak that promise aloud.
3. Because Jesus has risen from the dead, all things are possible with God. What are you afraid to believe is possible in your life? Believe again. What words have you been using to counter this dream? What do you need to stop saying? What do you need to start saying to get in agreement with God's promises?

Digging Deeper:

- Compare Exodus 4, Jeremiah 1, and Joshua 1. What are the instructions that God gives to Moses, Jeremiah, and Joshua? How are they similar/different? What are the promises that God gives to these men? Spend some time reflecting on these promises. What measure of faith rises up in your spirit in response to these promises?

Practical Application:

- God's Word creates and blesses. Pray Numbers 6:24-26 over someone else this week.

- Lord, thank you for making us a part of your Kingdom as royal priests. Please bring people in my path whom you want me to speak life over.
- May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.
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