

Don't Give Up!

When the weight of the world presses hard upon us and hope feels so far away, God whispers, *“Don't Give Up!”* We've all been there—at the point of exhaustion, staring into the fog of uncertainty, wondering if our next effort is even worth it. Whether it is a prolonged illness, a broken relationship, a financial crisis, or a spiritual drought, the temptation to give up can feel overwhelming. But God's Word doesn't shy away from these moments, it takes us there.

Do you remember after Elijah defeated the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel? Queen Jezebel threatened to kill him. Elijah fled in fear and collapsed in despair. *“I've had enough, Lord,”* he cried. But God didn't rebuke him—He sent rest, nourishment, and a gentle whisper. Sometimes, what we need most isn't severe rebuking, but divine tenderness. God is there to help us when everything in life seems hopeless. Like a loving father wanting to do everything He can to help his troubled child, God wants to do that for you, if you will turn to Him.

Do you remember how Paul pleaded for God to remove his *“thorn in the flesh”* (2 Corinthians 12.7-10)? Paul pleaded with God for relief, but God responded, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”* The thorn wasn't removed, but Paul's perspective did.

Weakness became a doorway for divine strength. How often have you prayed for God to remove your struggles? Just like God said to Paul, He says to you as well, *“My grace is sufficient for you.”* God's grace is sufficient to carry us through every situation in life. The power of His divine message shines brighter as I remain faithful in my infirmity.



Even the Son of God wrestled with anguish. Do you remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, *“Father, if You are will, take this cup from Me”* (Luke 22.39-46)? Yet He did not give up. He surrendered. And through His submission, salvation was born. Jesus was willing to endure tremendous suffering realizing God's grace was sufficient for Him as well.

Will you realize that you are not alone? Reach out. God put us into a Christian family for a reason—so we can encourage, help, and support one another. Thus, let others come to your aid to help you bear your burdens (Galatians 6.2). Don't give up! Not now. Not when you are this close to the edge of something beautiful. The same God who parted the Red Sea, shut the lions' mouths, and raised the dead is with you. He sees your tears, hears your prayers, and holds your tender heart in His hands. David said, *“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD”* (Psalm 18.2,3) *Will you let God be there for you?* Gary

You Said What?

Proverb 15.1-4

1. How would you characterize your speech?
2. Has your tongue ever gotten you into trouble?
3. Did you know that the negative use of the tongue can override an otherwise godly life?
4. Will you let your speech lead you to praise or condemnation?

To Control My Speech, I Must Understand...

1. The _____ About The Tongue.

- a. The tongue is small but _____ (Jas. 3.1-5).
 - i. James illustrates his point using a large horse, a large ship, and a small spark.
 - ii. Pound for pound, the tongue is oh so small, but oh so powerful.
- b. The tongue is uncontrollably _____ (James 3.6-8).
 - i. James returns to the illustration of fire.
 - ii. James mentions that we have tamed many wild animals, but **“no human being can tame the tongue” (v. 8)**.
- c. The tongue is terribly _____ (James 3.9-12).
 - i. Can we praise God then with the same tongue curse men?
 - ii. James asks a couple of rhetorical questions to make clear to us how inconsistent it is for good and bad to come out of the same mouth.
 - iii. How should we respond to this reality today?

2. God’s _____ For Taming The Tongue.

- a. God’s plan calls upon us to _____ the improper use of the tongue (Ephesians 4.29).
 - i. We should avoid _____ and _____ speech.
 - ii. We should avoid _____ and _____ (Philippians 2.14, 15).
 - iii. We should avoid _____ and _____ (Proverbs 20.19).
 - iv. We should avoid _____ (Revelation 21.8).
 - v. We should avoid _____.
3. God’s plan calls for us to focus on the proper use of the tongue.
 - a. We should use our tongue to:
 - i. _____, _____, _____, and _____ (Psalm 109.30).
 1. _____ God’s Word (Matthew 28.19; Mark 16.15).
 2. To _____ and _____ others (Hebrews 3.13; Proverbs 25.11; 12.25).
4. _____ **To Control The Tongue.**
 - a. _____ for help (Isaiah 49.10; Philippians 4.13).
 - b. Be _____ to speak (James 1.19; Proverbs 10.19).
 - c. Have _____ surgery (Matthew 12.34, 35).
 - d. Remember, we will meet our words again in _____ (Matthew 12.36).

Conclusion: Do you need to ask God for forgiveness for the improper use of your tongue?

CONNECTION

O Good morning church family!

R In today's Connection Corner, we seek to honor and connect with our Veterans.

N As a church family, we are deeply thankful for the men and women among us who have served our nation in the armed forces. Their courage, sacrifice, and commitment remind us of Jesus' words:

E *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*
— John 15:13

"Laying down his life for his friends" can mean so much more than just the ultimate sacrifice that many veterans have made. Service in the military often comes with tremendous, unseen burdens— such as long separations from family, physical and emotional strain, and memories that linger long after duty ends. As the body of Christ, we are called to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). That means more than simply saying "thank you for your service." *It means intentionally connecting with, encouraging, and walking beside those who have served.*

I encourage you to take time this week to reach out to a veteran in our congregation. *Listen* to their story. *Ask* about their family. *Pray* with them. *Invite* them to share a meal. These simple acts of care can bring healing, encouragement, and fellowship.

Let us honor our veterans not only with our words, but with our presence, our prayers, and our friendship. May we be a church that reflects the love of Christ to those who have given so much for others. Hug and thank a veteran today—You'll both be blessed!

-- Les Keele



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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Les Keele
Song Leader - Matt Sloan
Song - Shout Hallelujah
Song - My Hope Is Built
Song - Highest Place
Opening Prayer - Adam Powers
Scripture - Proverb 15.1-4
Song - Come, Share the Lord
Lord's Supper - Arthur Torrez
Prayer for Contribution - Arthur Torrez
Song - O Listen to the Wondrous Story
You Said What? - Gary Williams
Song - Mighty to Save
Announcements - Les Keele
Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Chuck Meyer

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Attendance



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, November 10 Jude 1; Ezekiel 34; Psalm 109	Friday, November 14 Ezekiel 38-39; Acts 3
Tuesday, November 11 Ezekiel 35; Obadiah; Psalm 108	Saturday, November 15 Ezekiel 40; Acts 4
Wednesday, November 12 Ezekiel 36; Acts 1; Psalm 108	Sunday, November 16 Ezekiel 41-42; Acts 5
Thursday, November 13 Ezekiel 37; Acts 2	

Last Week

Bible Class	125	Wednesday			93
Worship	213	Contribution	\$10,497.44		
PM Worship	43	Budget	\$14,216.88		

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM