

Intro: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead**John 11:38-44**

- Jesus was leaving us an example of what to do when something in our lives has died.
- Jesus asks us to **PARTNER** with Him.

Week #1 – It's YOUR MOVE - You move the stone - **PARTNERSHIP**

- Put off/ Put on
- Light come on out

Week #2 – Praying - **PARTNERSHIP**

- Pray from **Relationship / Confidence / Conviction**
- Ignite your prayer with the Spirit
 - Don't add any other ingredients
 - The incense was made up of specific ingredients and nothing strange was allowed to be added to it.

Ex 30:36 & 9**1) Don't Add Unholy Conversations to Your Prayers**

- James confirms that the tongue has a bad reputation, and can and does cause us great problems, our speaking can be an ingredient that is fuelling our problems... **Jms 3:5-8**
- After Jesus prayed ...Lazarus did not immediately come out of the tomb. What happened to those standing around watching the open tomb??? Did they start to murmur, whisper to each other about the dead man in the grave??
- When we don't get our answer immediately **what do we say**....are we adding unholy ingredients into our prayers?
- God already knows the problem, He's our all-knowing Father, then why do we keep telling Him the problem? **Matthew 6:8**

We need to Say what we want, Not what we Have**2) Jesus Breaks the Silence**

- After Jesus prayed ...Lazarus did not immediately come out of the tomb,
- There must have been an awkward silence, the stone has been rolled away, Jesus has prayed and then **SILENCE**...but, there was one more thing He did....
- **Jesus, He cried with a loud voice**... **John 11:43-44**

Jesus Broke the Silence - He spoke to Lazarus

- Jesus speaks **to** the Problem, not **about** it

3) We need to break the Silence

James (Jms 3:5-8) confirmed that the tongue has a bad reputation and has caused us great problems. Look at the story of the Dry Bones and Ezekiel:

They were saying the wrong thing

Ezekiel 37:11

a) They needed to say the right things

Ezekiel 37:4

b) We need to also Speak the Word of the Lord – Continue to speak

- Ezekiel spoke to the bones, and they came together as complete skeletons, basically dead bodies – but still no life... **SMALL CHANGES**
- **But don't stop**
- **Then God said speak, speak, say** so the dead bodies can live – He **spoke**, and all the dead bodies became a great army full of life. V 9 & 10
- **We too need to speak**
 - We believe therefore we speak 2 Cor 4:13
 - Continue to speak – speak – Hold fast to your confession Heb 10:23

4) Conclusion

- Every one of us stands at the Tomb of our Lazarus...
- Have we lost hope because of the SILENCE?

a) Death and life are in the power of the tongue

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue is powerful - Words are *an accelerant / amplify*

Jms 3:5-8

1) *Words can be set on fire by – **Hell** – fire of destruction*

OR

2) *Words can be set on fire by – **HEAVEN** – fire of life*

○ **We have a choice:**

1) We can **continue to say what we have in life**...like Israel, we have become old, dry, scattered, disconnected, all hope is gone our nation is finished...**stand in silence**...

OR

2) **We can Break the Silence**

b) Mega-Phone

- Jesus cried out with a loud voice **John 11:43-44**
- We need to cry out with a megaphone (not literal), add the ingredients:
 - **“Dry Bones Hear the Word of the Lord”**
 - Speaking the truth of the Word of God to your situation
 - Finding appropriate Scripture to SAY over impossible circumstances
 - Speak in Tongues - Pray in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2 – Day of Pentecost)
 - We can speak, prophesy life with the Holy Spirit (Tongues). We can speak life rather than death (like God. He said and saw, Like Jesus He said, and He saw)