

## Just a Word

Ephesians 6:10-17

#40 in our series from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

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## Prayer

Lord God we ask that you would help us to speak that Word. Lord, I'm not just praying that I would preach a good sermon but that we would speak the Word, that the Word here would be digested and metabolized and would come out in our lives. And I thank you Father, for all those who have spoken the Word into me. Thank you that your Word is eternal and indestructible. In Jesus Christ we pray these things...Amen.

## Message

Now, in an effort to supplement our budget, we will pause for a message from our commercial sponsor.

Commercial

[The *Star Wars* theme plays in the background]

A young boy, dressed as Darth Vader, is walking through his house practicing using the force. He uses the force against an exercise machine, his dog, the washer and dryer, his sister's doll, but it's all to no avail. He sits down in his kitchen, visibly disappointed. He tries, once again, to use the force on the kitchen table; his mom slides him a sandwich, but again he's disappointed...knowing she's the one that put it there. .

Then, his dad drives into the driveway in his VW Passat. The boy looks out the window and then runs outside. His dad tries to greet him, The boy is very focused and runs straight to the car. He attempts, once more, with all his might, to use the force on the car. With deep concentration, he stretches out his hands and waits hopefully. Suddenly, the car starts. The boy jumps back. With the remote control to the car in hand, his father glances at the boy's mother, raises his eyebrows as if to say, "Now that's cool!" The boy looks at the window where his parents are standing, then back at the car...with great wonder. Tag: "The all-new 2012 Passat."

Wouldn't you like to move things with just an idea? Little kids seem to think you can. And you seem to think you can, or at least you think you should be able to. Have you ever sat at a red light on a busy day and said, "Green, green, green, green"? Have you ever rolled the dice and said, "Seven, seven, seven, seven"?

Later today, If you're a Bronco fan, even if you don't say the word...you'll think it, "Touchdown, touchdown, touchdown." And if they make a touch down, you'll wonder to yourself: "Did I help?"

In Greek, the word for idea is *logos*, which is also translated “Word.” The word for word is *rhema*. Both *logos* and *rhema* are from the same root (*lego*). *Logos* usually refers to an unchanging word, and *rhema* to the word spoken for a particular situation. For most of us, neither “idea” or “word” carry much weight in what we call the “real world.” And so, people in the “real world” say, “It’s just an idea,” “It’s just words.”

Both *rhema* and *logos* are the Greek words that translate the ancient Hebrew word *dabar*. *Dabar* can be translated “word” or “thing.” So, in ancient Biblical thought, there wasn’t a difference between a “word” and a “thing.” If you said, “That’s just a word.” It was the same as saying, “That’s just a thing—just reality.” Words mattered, for the word...for word...actually means matter.

Have you ever looked at a mountain and whispered, “Move, mountain...move”? Because, you know, Jesus said, “*If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move, and it will.*”

According to physicists, a *logos* should be able to move a mountain, and they’re puzzled as to why it doesn’t.

Well, imagine if everyone in Denver could make mountains move with just a word: “Pikes Peak, move out of my way!” “Longs Peak, be ye lifted up, and be ye dropped on the hotel at which Tom Brady sleepeth.

You know, maybe God our Father is watching, and His word is stronger than our word, and that’s good because all of us little Darth Vaders would annihilate each other in minutes if it weren’t.

According to Scripture, God created all things with just a word. And we’re being created in His image (the image of God who creates with a word.) Magic is trying to create with a word. Some philologists argue that the word “abracadabra” came from the ancient Aramaic words for: “I create what I speak” or “I create with a word.”

Hopefully, you’ll remember what happened in Acts 19 when Paul first went to Ephesus. Some Jewish magicians saw Paul cast out demons in the name of Jesus. And so they tried to use the name “Jesus” and the demoniac stripped them naked and chased them out of a house as the demon said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?”

So Paul used a word, but that word refused to be used by the magicians...like Paul had a different relationship with the word, as if that word were like a person.

Modern people say, “That’s absurd: Words that can start Volkswagens, words that can move mountains, words that are like persons. That word is absurd!!! A word that can create all things is a myth; it’s a creation myth.”

In the 1940s, the great German theologian Rudolph Bultman argued that we need to demythologize scripture in order to make it accessible to the modern mind. In modern church, that fueled a theological liberalism that turned demons into psychological problems and things like the second coming into a parable.

In conservative churches, folks reacted by taking everything literally, but *only* literally. I mean physically. So they argued that Christ would return physically but stopped asking what He means and who is He? In other words, they got all wrapped up in global politics and stopped loving their enemies.

But liberal or conservative, for modern Christians, words didn't really matter...only matter mattered, and so the church began to say just what the world had always said:

"It's just words—just *logos*, for in our world, words don't seem to matter; in our world you can't start cars with a word, or move mountains with a word."

"In our world, words are not things. And words are not bound to things and things are not bound to words. In our world, you can lie. Maybe all our world *is* a lie, for everything and every word lacks meaning."

In our world, the Logos has died...and now we find ourselves standing on the edge of chaos and the abyss, desperately needing someone to speak word into our void.

Our text is Ephesians 6:11-17 You remember that Paul is writing to the church in Ephesus and the other little church is Asia Minor. Already, they're facing persecution from the Jewish establishment. Paul is writing from a Roman prison cell. He began the letter by saying, "*We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,*" and went on to speak of: "*an immeasurable greatness of power in us who believe.*" And for the Ephesians, and maybe even Paul at times, I bet these words seemed to be nothing but myth—"just words."

Ephesians 6:10-17 (From his prison cell, chained in stocks, slandered, reviled, beaten, outcast and abandoned by too many to count, Paul writes,

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and , as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take (or "receive") the helmet of salvation, and ...*

And now...after all those pieces of defensive armor, at last Paul gets to something truly offensive:

*receive...the sword of the Spirit, which is, the **word** of God...*

Now, if you're like me...you think: "A word?  
Just a word? It better be a magic word...like:

"Abracadabra my taxes are done."

"Abracadabra I'm out of prison, everyone likes me and calls me Pope Paul the 1st."

Think about it: Don't you think Paul felt a little foolish after writing Ephesians? He must've heard a whisper that night in his prison cell after he wrote these words: "Paul...you're an ass."

Late one night, about thirty-five years ago, I heard a terrible crashing sound, ran out of my room and looked down the stairs. My dad lay at the bottom in a heap. I ran down to him. He was in so much pain, he couldn't scream. In desperation, I just looked at him and cried: "Jesus help him," and immediately he was OK. I mean, I felt like that little kid in the VW commercial, except it wasn't a car I brought to life, it was my dad!

About twenty years ago, I was praying for a woman who was manifesting a demonic spirit. At one point, she sprang from her chair and ran at me growling. I said, "In Jesus name stop, and it was like she hit an unseen cement wall and dropped to the floor, and I felt like that little kid in the VW commercial.

Late at night, I've woken from sleep and felt something choking me until, at last, I can squeeze out the name Jesus, and immediately it stops.

For fifteen years, in one particular friend, over and over I saw demons manifest, and even Satan. But then watched as words from my mouth produced an immediate physical and violent response. I physically saw, heard and felt the Word of God violently conquer Satan, on multiple occasions over the space of about seven years. I saw the Word conquer the devil and liberate His beloved bride. And yet, at that very same time, during that very same period, I would preach that very same word to the church, and I felt foolish and often rejected and very weak.

Six years ago, I was defrocked from my denomination and reviled by much of the church I dearly loved. It was the week after Thanksgiving, six years ago, that I moved all my stuff out of my office, and it was the week after Thanksgiving this year that I had a heart attack. I really don't know if the two are related, but I do know that the rejection of that word, six years ago, was the greatest sorrow I've ever felt.

Now, I'm sure I spoke words of my own flesh during that time. But I also spoke the Word of God, the Word of Love. Some of you have spoken words of love, to a child for instance, for fourteen or fifteen years. And these words are rejected and appear to have died, and it is the worst pain you've ever felt. Some of you have spoken words of love to a husband or wife for decades and now it appears that all those words did not "*accomplish that for which they were sent*" but returned void, returned empty. It's the greatest sorrow that you've ever felt. All of you have spoken words of love in hope and then watch as they got crucified and then buried, and now you stare at the tomb and think: "Maybe they were just words and now they're dead...so why speak?"

Well, Paul sits in his little prison cell writing to the little churches in Asia Minor. Ephesians 1:18 "*I pray that the eyes of your hearts would be enlightened.*" That is: "I pray that your hearts would have a revelation about the Word.

Then in chapter six he writes, "*Take the sword (Literally machaira)<sup>1</sup> of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*" Well, what is the "Word of God?" Most folks think that the "Word of God" is the Bible, which means they don't read the Bible. The Bible may communicate the Word of God, but it can't be the same thing as the Word of God. The Word of God isn't a book. The book (that is the Bible) records that the Word of God came to people, even wrestled with people, like Israel.

When the term: "Word of God" was first used, there was no Bible to which it could refer. When Jesus referred to things that we now call the Bible, He usually used the word *graphe*. *Graphe* gets translated "scripture" and literally means "writing;" sometimes He used the word *nomos*, which gets translated "law"<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The machaira* was a short Roman sword used in hand to hand combat and used by the priest in the temple to butcher the sacrifices.

<sup>2</sup> The law didn't just refer to individual laws, but the first five books of the Old Testament *nomos* means: "the established custom or way."

Well, Jesus said He “*came to fulfill the law,*” and He said, “*Scripture cannot be broken.*” So He had a very high view of the Bible, but it’s not the same things as the Word of God. The Bible says that the Word of God is Jesus: “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the word was God, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.*”

The angel said to Mary, “*You will call his name Jesus.*” The name means: “God is salvation.” God is Love and Jesus is the Word of Love.<sup>3</sup> And Jesus said, “*The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.*” He is the *Logos* and He speaks *rhema*. And now, in Ephesians 6, Paul writes: “*Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*”

And now, I just want to ponder this question: If it’s true that we have the Word of God, why don’t we speak it more often? Why don’t we swing the sword?

I think you know what I mean: If you’re with a friend, or at a family dinner, or maybe at work, and in the course of conversation you think: “Hey I ought to mention Jesus,” but you don’t. Or maybe you’re concerned for your kids, your parent, your neighbor, and you think they need to hear God loves them, but you hide the sword.

Why don’t we swing the Sword? Why don’t we speak the Word of God.

Now, I’m asking you to be brutally honest. Sit in silence and ask yourself this question: “Why don’t I speak the Word?” OK? [Peter leaves space for quiet reflection]

There may be all sorts of ways to say it, but isn’t the reason that you don’t speak the Word the fact that in some way, in some part of you, you think the Word is bad, or even more, you think the Word is dead? That just like every other word we speak, the Word of God is dead. Be honest. You think the *Logos* is dead...so it has no power. It doesn’t work, and you can’t make it work, or it makes no sense, and you can’t make it make sense so you feel like an ass and so don’t speak the Word. You try to make it make sense—you try to make it work.

So you speak the Word, and then you say,

“You have to do this and not do that to make it work.”

You try to make sense because it’s not making sense.

You start to work because you think it’s not working.

You start to judge because you think it’s not judging.

You seize control because you think the Word isn’t in control.

You get religious and become a Pharisee and feel even worse because Pharisees are miserable and actually hate the Word.

You think the Word of God is dead...like every other Word uttered by the children of Adam.

I just started reading a fascinating book that a friend at the church gave me. It’s titled: *The Information* by science writer James Gleick. I was actually reading it in the bathtub when I had my heart attack. Gleick was talking about how, once upon a time, every word must have been like...alive. Because it had to be spoken by a person that was with you. But with the invention of the alphabet, and letters, and writing, a word could be divorced from its spirit, its life, its person. One could then control the

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<sup>3</sup> Jesus is what God is, and says, and does. He is the Word that does not return void but accomplishes that for which He was sent. But Jesus is not simply a magic word. Jesus is not simply a particular vibration in the atmosphere. Jesus is not a word to be used for your own unloving purposes...to try and do so is to nail Him down and cut Him up, and subject yourself to the judgment of God. To use the Word of Love against Love is sin

word, manipulate the word, and conquer the word. But the word would be dead—no longer a living word...but a written word...nailed down to paper or wood.

Scholars argue that the invention of the alphabet and the written word changed the very way that people think. We no longer encounter *Logos*. We began to manipulate logic. According to Gleick, scholars have traced the invention of the alphabet (actually all alphabets) to a region we now refer to as the Middle East.

Well, that's just fascinating since, sometime before 1500 B.C., in the same region, the Bible records that God wanted to go for a walk, which suggests that He was in the form of a man, a perfectly good man because God is "the Good."

He wanted to go for a walk with Adam and Eve. The Good wanted to be known by Adam and Eve, but Eve and Adam had made a choice:

They chose to take *knowledge* of the Good over *knowing* the Good.

They chose *knowledge* of the Word over *knowing* the Word.

They chose knowledge of good and evil. They chose knowledge of the Law.

They chose *knowledge* of Love over Love.

The Law describes Love, but it's *not* Love.

Like writing symbolized a Word, but it's not the Word.

Now, "Knowledge of good and evil" is good—"the law" is good. Scripture is good, but it's not The Good. The written Word is good, but it's not The Word. Humanity chose knowledge *of* the Word over the Word and crucified the Word.

And now, I'm not talking about some scholarly theory that may be wrong. And I'm not just talking about the fall of Adam; I'm talking about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, who is The Word.

You know, we all crucified Him. He was crucified in something like 33 A.D. And according to the Revelation, He was crucified "*from the foundation of the world.*" And according to Ephesians, "*You were chosen in him from the foundation of the world.*" God allowed you, even arranged for you to kill His Word, who is Jesus. And He is not just a word; He is *THE* Word.

So when He dies, every word dies; the meaning of all things dies; creation dies. The Word of God is crucified on the tree of law by His Bride because she'd rather have knowledge of Him than be controlled by Him. She'd rather conquer Him than be conquered by Him. God sends His Word into Jerusalem, humble and riding on an ass. Jerusalem seizes control of the Word of God and nails The Word of God to a tree. And The Word of God dies.

Now, I doubt you get all of that. I didn't get all of that. So for now, just get this: I'm saying, "I bet you don't swing the sword and speak the Word because you think the Word is dead and you have to bring it to life.

You know, Paul was a Pharisee of Pharisees. He preferred the letter of the law to the spirit of love. Paul was part of the group that crucified The Word and he thought The Word was dead, until the Word ambushed him on the road to Damascus. The Word rose from the dead, judged Paul, recreated Paul and was now incarnate in Paul.

Paul did not bring The Word to life. The Word brought Paul to life. You know, I bet Paul really often felt weak and ridiculous. I bet he often felt like an ass. But The Word of God likes to ride an ass. That's how He rode into Jerusalem, that's how He chose to enter His city. That's how He chose to enter His Bride. That's how He chooses to destroy the works of the devil.

So Paul wrote to Ephesus and the churches of Asia Minor saying, "*Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,*" and he prayed that the eyes of their hearts would be enlightened, that they would have an apocalypse—a revelation.

About forty years later, Ephesus and the churches of Asia Minor receive a letter from John, exiled on the Island of Patmos. It's titled "The Revelation of Jesus," and this is chapter 19 vs. 11:

*Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.*

Now does John mean:

A. When you see a flying white horse, it means The Word of God is returning to earth

Or....

B. When you hear The Word of God, and speak The Word of God, Jesus goes to war, riding on your tongue, and even if you feel like an ass, you're not an ass; you're a war horse?

Logically, you can believe both A and B: That Christ will come and that He's been coming for 2000 years. But if you think The Word is dead, you can only believe the first, and you'll just spend all your time looking at the sky, and you won't hear The Word and speak The Word because you'll think: "It's just words."

And if John's only referring to the future and global politics in 2050 or something...why did John send the vision to Ephesus in 90 A.D.? And why did he write in Revelation 1:7, "*Look, He is coming with the clouds of Heaven.*" And why in Matthew 26, as He was tried before the High Priest, Caiaphus, did Jesus say, "*From now on, from this point forward, you will see the Son of Man...coming on the clouds of Heaven?*"

See? I think Caiaphus saw Jesus coming in 40 A.D., when Jerusalem and Caiaphus's temple were destroyed. I think we all see Him in the day we die (the day our temple's destroyed). Yet, He comes whenever we proclaim The Word of God because He *is* the Word of God, and He's *not* dead; He's alive: "*The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, joint and marrow, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*"

He's alive...and what's He doing? Let's keep reading:

*...the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven arrayed in fine linen, white and pure,*

Read the Revelation and I think you'll see, that's us!...

*the armies of heaven...were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.*

I hope you remember our sermons about the winepress that's also called a cross, from which flows blood that is wine and wine that is blood.

*On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men,*

Did you catch that? ALL MEN! That's you and that's me: ALL MEN—

*both free and slave, both small and great."* And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth – He sees "principalities and powers, the world rulers of this present darkness," with whom we wrestle, wielding The Word of God...

*And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.*

HE is The Word of God, and what's He doing? He's working! He's making sense of this world! He's judging all flesh.

Remember what Jesus said in the gospel of John: "*all judgment has been given to the Son,*" and He said, "*I judge no one, but if I judge, my judgment is just.*"

He's the Judge that judges by not judging: He Himself is the Judgment.

It's like we've preached over and over: If Jesus, If *Yashua*, If *Yahweh* is Salvation, then you are not salvation, and you have absolutely no reason to boast, no reason to be proud. If everything is grace, all your pride is an illusion. You see, The Word of God destroys all *flesh*; it destroys your old nature, destroys your old man. It cuts him away from the new man.

Every time you hear The Word of God and speak The Word of God...it's Armageddon...the devil is bound, and the kings of this earth are destroyed; your ego thinks it's king and refuses to bow to the King of kings.

Now, I believe that time will come to an end, but I believe it does come to an end whenever The Word conquers a human heart and fills it with eternal life.

Jesus is the End.

The Word of God is the End.

The Word of God is the Judgment of God.

So you cannot judge, and you don't have to judge (that's good news). But if you speak The Word of God, you speak the Judgment, and nothing is as offensive to human flesh. Nothing is as offensive to human flesh as the Revelation of Jesus—The Word of God.

So don't be surprised when you find yourself despised, and rejected, and hated by all for His name's sake; for His name is "*Yahweh* is salvation," which means: "We are not salvation."

See, The Word of God slays all flesh, including the flesh of the one that speaks it. So if you speak The Word, don't be surprised if you experience violence, and then everything seems to die (He said, "*I came to bring a sword.*"). At one point, Jesus did die. He even said, "*Unless a grain of wheat falls into*

*the ground and dies, it remains alone, But if it dies, it bears much fruit.”* And Paul wrote: *“What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.”*

Jesus is The Word and The Word is seed.

Jesus is the End, and End is also the Beginning.

He is the resurrection.

So, listen closely: You don't have to make The Word come to life; The Word is the “Resurrection and the Life.” You don't have to judge with The Word; The Word is the Judgment. You don't have to make sense of The Word; The Word makes sense of everything else. You don't have to make The Word; The Word makes you and *all things* work. The Word is the Creator.

In Revelation 19, The Word condemns all flesh and the kings of the earth. Then in Revelation 21, The Word of God says, *“Look! I'm making all things new,”* and John sees a New Jerusalem descending on a new earth, and he writes, *“The kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.”*

The Word destroys the kings of the earth and then raises them from the dead. Just as The Word destroyed Rabbi Saul and raised Saint Paul.

You see? The Word works all things, but you cannot make The Word work, and yet, your Father is inviting you to speak The Word. So how do you speak The Word?

You can't speak The Word if you think you are The Word.

You can't speak “God is salvation” if you think you are salvation.

You can't speak The Word unless you surrender to The Word.

You can't speak The Word unless you trust that The Word is speaking you...

In Revelation 12, John writes we: *“Conquer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.”* Jesus is the word of our testimony.

You see, if you've been conquered by The Word, you've heard The Word, that is Jesus. And you have a unique and individual testimony of Jesus, and your testimony of Jesus is your gratitude for God's grace in Christ Jesus; it's The Word of God in you, and you are the Body of Christ—God's Word.

So, when you believe God's Word of love for you, that love inhabits your every word, then they are no longer dead words...but living words. Every word becomes Jesus; every word is a word of Love, a word of God.

Do you know why I believe in The Word of God? It's not because I made sense of The Word, or because I made it work, or I judged The Word or judged the world with The Word. It was because I encountered The Word in my dad. The Word came to life in my dad and ambushed me.

He was a pastor...but in all honesty, I really don't remember one of his sermons. Yet, I remember him...or Jesus in him. I remember Love in him and just about every word. And the word judged me, created me, and gave me life. My dad called it Jesus, and it was.

And maybe that's why God wants people to speak His Word. Because His Word isn't just words on a page; His Word is Spirit and Life. And The Word comes to life in you. Not because you went to seminary but because He's conquered your heart and given you a testimony.

Even the Bible is a stack of testimonies to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Moses, David, Ruth, Mary, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Even Ephesians is the testimony of old Paul. And just think...it wasn't weak, and if it died...it came to life; we're reading it today!

And just think, The Word of God in those seven little churches in Asia Minor conquered the Roman Empire and conquered your heart. Not just the letter but the Spirit in the letter...and those people.

Well, truly nothing is more powerful than The Word of God: It creates all things and conquers the devil. But then you might say, "OK Peter...but then: "Why does it seem so weak at times, and why does it seem to die?" Well, because He not only conquers the devil and all things; He came to conquer your heart and does. The Word of Love conquers hearts. So, don't stop speaking it...even if it seems to die, and even if it breaks your heart. Don't stop speaking The Word of Love: *"for it will not return void, but will accomplish that for which it was sent."* It will rise from the dead and make all things new.

### **Communion**

Well, on that night, on Mount Zion, in Jerusalem...(You know, when Jesus said that thing about moving this mountain, He was standing on Mount Zion.) Jesus said, *"You will say to this mountain be cast into the sea."* The sea is the nations and a picture of the abyss, and Mount Zion is God's Sanctuary, the temple—the presence of God. And He also said it on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Maybe one day the earth will be full of love, and everything will be transfigured. And I expect that one day we'll move physical mountains with words, but every word will be filled with our Father's Love. So, we won't move mountains to crush our enemies but to exhibit the glory of God and share in His joy.

Well, on that night, on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, The Word of God took bread and broke it saying, *"This is my body given to you; take and eat.* And He took the cup saying, *"This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Drink of it."* We are to drink and eat. So He calls you to His table. Eat and drink His Word. Eat the Word, and you will speak The Word of your testimony.

### **Benediction**

You know, we're all like little Darth Vaders running around trying to control our worlds with our will, and our word, and everything is dead.

[The VW commercial that was shown at the beginning of the sermon, with the little Darth Vader using the force, is shown once again.]

When our Father's will becomes our will, our words take on power, and we speak Life into our world. Our Father is Love, and His Word is Jesus, and He loves it when you speak His Word. Earlier, I said, "The *Logos* has died in our world." But you see, when you come to see and believe that the *Logos* is alive in your world, when the risen *Logos* comes to your world, you have entered another world.

Jesus said, *"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."* It's pressing in upon our world, and it's eternal; this world is passing away. So speak The Word. I think the Heavenly Father is like the father in the commercial. He's standing at the window, and He just gets a kick out of it when we speak His Word. Speak His Word, and the King conquers!

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