



BREAKING THE ICE

What is your favorite flower or plant? What makes it your favorite?

Do you have a teacher, family member or friend from childhood that had a lasting impression on your life? What kind of impression did they leave on you and why?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Annie F Downs continues in our Awaken series talking about the impact of our words. When we talk and when we pray, our words have power.

1. What have your prayers looked like over the last few weeks as we've been praying for our friends, co-workers and neighbors? What have you specifically been praying over the people in your life?
2. How have you seen God work in your life through the prayer and fasting season of Awaken?

Our words have power. Not just impact, but power. When we pray for someone, there is power in what we are praying. When we speak to someone, there is power in the words we speak to them. What we pray, speak and do is rooted deeply and is a reflection of our hearts.

Read Luke 6:43-45.

3. If you were to take a look at your heart, what kind of fruit would you see coming out of it?

Whatever is inside you is going to come out. It's going to come out in how you treat others and what you say to others. We have the opportunity to truly impact people, both in positive and negative ways.

Read Proverbs 18:21.

4. What is the most impactful thing someone has ever said to you? Explain how that made you feel.

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Your words can bring life to someone or they can bring death. Most of the time, we speak powerful words of life to people. I am sure there have been times where we lost our cool and said something unkind. But we can always go back and apologize to speak life back into the situation.

In the last few weeks, we've been praying for people who need Jesus. The words we have prayed can bring light in to their situation.

5. Knowing what your friends, family and neighbors on your Awaken list have going on in their lives, what words can you specifically pray over them this week?

6. How can you share those powerful words of prayer for the people who are on your list?

When you share powerful words with others, it gives them a glimpse of what's inside you, a glimpse of Jesus. When we combine our words with loving actions we have an even greater opportunity to show God's love to them.

Another way we can help others see God's power is by telling others about the things God has brought us through. In His mercy and compassion, He freely gave His son to help us with the difficult seasons in our lives.

7. Who has God placed in your life to share words of hope through difficult seasons?

PRAYER

God, show us how our words affect others around us. Show us the power within those words to speak life and hope to situations that need it. Give us the words to pray for others and ourselves. Help our words and actions come together to point others to you and your glory. In your name, Amen.

Leaders have group members pray for whomever God has placed on their heart. Feel free to use some of the prayers below to help guide your prayer time.

+Father, please give me your heart when it comes to the spiritual condition of those around me.

+ Father, help me speak words of love and kindness to everyone I come in contact with. Let these words reflect your love for them.

- + Father, please let your love flow through me to the brokenhearted people I am surrounded by.
- + Father, please give me wisdom on when to share words of encouragement and when to be a quiet presence.
- + Father, please show me how to make Jesus my first priority every day.
- + Father, please open my eyes and my friends, family, neighbors and co-workers eyes to see Jesus clearly.
- + Father, please use my story to help someone else understand where you have been at work in their story.

ACTION STEP

Ask God where He wants you to speak powerful words of encouragement and life to someone this week. Then do it.

Let someone on your prayer list know they have been on your heart and you have been praying for them. Ask them if there is something specific you can pray for them about and add that to your prayer time for them.

Come back next week and let the group know how it went.