

Sunday worship

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We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

To be all in

Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

Peter replied to him, "Lord, if it is [really] you, command me to come to you on the water." ~ **Matthew 14:28 (AMP)**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

Words. So powerful. They can crush a heart, or heal it. They can shame a soul, or liberate it. They can shatter dreams, or energize them. They can obstruct connection, or invite it. They can create defenses, or melt them.

We have to use words wisely.

Jeff Brown

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

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Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
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2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
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2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
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4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What do you value (Part 2)?

Text: Genesis 11:1-9

From last week, we concluded our relationships and word have value. For example, we see the impact of words throughout the scriptures. Moses spoke and the ground opened up, swallowing up the men who rose up against him (Num 16:1-2; 28-32). Power under restraint is considered the greatest display of power. Therefore, strong men well aware of their strength may often restrain themselves.

When the people of Israel made a golden calf, God told Moses to he'll destroy them and make Moses a new nation. Moses pleaded and God relented, but the plague had already begun (Ex 32:1-35). To us, he is a loving Father. To others, he's a fearful God. We fall into God's hands in mercy (1 Chr 21:13), but falling into God's hands is called a fearful thing in Hebrews because he's a consuming fire (Heb 10:31; 12:29).

Elijah and Elisha were known for great exploits. Elisha once killed forty-two youths who mocked him with a spoken curse and Elijah shut the heavens (2 Kgs 2:23-24; 1 Kgs 17:1). It led to starvation in the land. If we have that kind of power, what would we do? People often start out with good intentions until the power corrupts.

Our words have power (Js 3:10), but can God trust us with power? Jesus had to decide how to use his power (Matt 26:53-54). The scriptures said teachers will be judged by a higher standard, but the ability to bridle our tongue is what makes us perfect (Js 3:1-2 AMP). Many have been crushed or lifted up by words. When we act with integrity, our words will be trusted. It's the opposite if we're unreliable (Ecc 9:13-19).

God can also elevate the words of a man so much he becomes an oracle (1 Sam 3:15-19). When we pronounce a blessing or a curse, God can bring it to pass (Matt 16:18-19). However, that's a dangerous place to be, because that comes with responsibilities. We also need to know it's not something we can control or call up at will. Only when God wills.

We can rely on the word of God (Psa 119:96; Isa 55:11). That may be why Paul told us to arm ourselves with the sword word of God (Eph 6:17). The word of God can put an end to all the challenges of our lives (2 Cor 4:7). God made us from dust, an indestructible particle, by breathing his word into us (Gen 2:7). He made us perfectly (Psa 139:14). Often we don't appreciate the word of God enough (1 Sam 3:1-10).

Bottom line:

Samuel's life never remained the same after he began to hear God's word (1 Sam 3:19-21). Each one of us have the power to tear others down or lift them up and God can elevate our words. We must build integrity into our words (Matt 5:37), be careful not to misuse the power given to us and use our words wisely.

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