

# **Redeeming How We Talk** Words that BUILD BRIDGES (Slaying Dragons)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it (recognize it, understand it, use it well) will eat its fruit. **Prov. 18:21 (CSB)** 

### How to build relationships through the power of my words... (Slay Dragons)

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. **1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NLT)** 

#### 1. Start by listening to, learning from, and lamenting with others.

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ... Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone... (vs. 19 & 22)

#### 2. Earn the <u>right</u> to speak life.

...I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ... When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law...When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness... (vs. 20-22)

...I have **become** all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some... **1 Corinthians 9:22 (NIV)** 

# 3. Speak <u>God's Truth</u>, (not my opinion) so that they will let <u>God</u> bless <u>them</u>.

I do everything to spread the Good News (God's loving, life-giving, truth) and share in its blessings. (vs.23)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt... Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. This week Pastor Jay referred to conversations that we are afraid to have as being like dragons. They are not real, but due to the unknown, we still fear having them. Can you see how that could happen? We learned through the life of Paul how to slay the dragons through three simple steps. #1 Begin by truly listening and getting to know who we are building a relationship with. #2 Earn the right to be a part of their life by serving them and meeting them where they are. #3 Then when trust has been built and the opportunity presents itself, "speak God's Truth in love" for their benefit. Could you see how this could build a deep friendship? In Ephesians 4:15, the word for love is the Greek word "Agape" which means sacrificial love. Pastor Jay pointed out that this does not merely mean speaking God's Truth in a gentle way but also creating a loving environment of trust. Our part in this will require a spirit of humility, care, and love for the other person. Could you see how this could actually build deep, unifying friendships? Pray this week about a relationship you are struggling with or are afraid to engage in. Ask our Lord for His help, and then go slay the dragon.





Senior Pastor

#### FIRST TIME AT CENTER POINT CHURCH?

At Center Point we believe church is not about buildings and organizations. It's about reaching people and helping people find a personal relationship with God... not another man-made religion. It's about helping people discover and live a God-centered life, and when they do, they'll find a life truly worth living.

	20	Upcom	ing	<b>Events</b>
-	08.27	Celebrate Recovery 7pm in Student Life Center	08.28	Pastor-Led Prayer Every Tuesday © 7:30am
-	09.01	Feed The Need Begins	09.08	Parent-Baby Dedication Weekend
-	09.14	Parents Night Out @ 7 pm	09.15	Baptism Weekend
	09.28	Women's Dinner Around Town @ 6pm	10.01	Smart Money Smart Kids Class @ 7 pm
For more information and other events, visit CenterPointChurch.com				CenterPointChurch.com

Grow at CPC

In this class, you will learn the values, beliefs, and practices of CPC, have the opportunity to grow in your spiritual walk, and find your unique place at Center Point Church. The Growth Track

**GROWTH TRACK** Oct 7 th 1 1-4pm in the Edge Room

is a requirement for CPC Membership. To learn more or register: CenterPointChurch.com/connect/discovering-church-membership/

# Worship Night: Encounter



Join us THIS Sunday, August 26th at 6pm for a special night of extended worship and prayer with our CPC family. This will be a powerful night that you will not want to miss. Childcare is provided. Kids 4 and older will be invited to watch the movie "Wonder". We will have a group discussion on anti-bullying following the movie.

# **Financial Peace University**

Our early registration deadline is Monday, September 3rd. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to finally take control of your family's financial future. The class will be held on Mondays, beginning September 10th at 7pm, in the CPC Theatre. Childcare is provided with RSVP. Visit the CPC website for more information or to sign up.

# Home Team Connection Weekend

September 8th & 9th is Connection Weekend. Stop by the Home Team Connection Tent between services to learn more about Home Teams, meet Home Team Leaders, and find the team that's right for you!



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