

Making Your Home a Field of Dreams: Part 4

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Illustration: The 1988 World Series illustrates that details do not always tell the whole story. In what became one of the **ten greatest moments in World Series history**, **Kirk Gibson** hit a **game-winning home run in the bottom of ninth inning to lead the Dodgers** to victory against the heavily favored **Oakland Athletics**. If you checked the score-book, you might conclude that the injured **Gibson** was **not much of a factor** in the series. Even though he **hit a home run in game one** and was the MVP of the National League regular season, **Gibson only batted once in the entire 1988 series**. Dodger manager **Tommy Lasorda** said, **“Gibson’s homerun paralyzed the A’s**, and it inspired our team to believe that we could win the series even though no one gave us a chance.” **Score-books keep up with a lot of information**, there is a score-book being kept in our lives.

Last week I talked about how our words have the creative power to connect, to make a hit. This Sunday I would like to continue that thought but bring the thought to a final resting point where we understand that our words determine the score-books and eventually the scoreboards.

A Hit Is A Word or Words Spoken That Creates Life and Freedom

This is particularly true in our families. Your words creates the life and freedom that are experienced in the family.

Three Reasons Why Our “Words” Are So Powerful

1. **Words Are The Crack of The Bat Between The Natural and Spiritual**

Words are how you get from the natural to the spiritual and it's how God gets from the spiritual to the natural. Words are not just “a” hit they are “**the**” hit.

Example: **Creation**- When God decided to bridge the spiritual and create the natural at creation, how did He do it? “He spoke...”

This is what **Satan doesn't want you to get today**. He is the father of lies and **he doesn't want you to understand today that your words are the key factor**, the real hit in your life between the natural and the spiritual. He wants to prevent or pollute your words.

Words Are The Way You you get to God and connect the natural to the supernatural, or spiritual. Words are the way that God gets to us.

As it is written: "I have made you, (Abraham), a father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were."

Romans 4:17

This scripture is talking about the **promise of God to Sarah and Abraham** that they would have **Issac**. It says that **Abraham was not wavering in his faith** and that **God was calling Issac into existence where he never existed**. God called him into existence in the spirit realm and how he brought him into the natural realm by calling into existence, His Words.

- **How does God get from the Spiritual to the natural? Words**
- **How do we get from the natural to the spiritual? Words**, it's the crack of the bat that doesn't send the ball over the fence, it sends it into the heavenlies!

Words are the means that God uses to connect the bat to the ball, the natural to the supernatural.

God decides that He wants the Spiritual realm to connect with the natural realm so He can minister to us and dwell among us so He sends Jesus to dwell among us, to die for our sins, to atone for the penalty of sin and empower us to be on supernatural steroids to hit the ball in the heavenlies.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."

John 1:14a

How Do We Connect With God the Spirit realm? If you are sitting wondering "How do I get in the Spirit" this is how:

1. Praise and Worship.

- **Psalms 22:3-** translated, **"You inhabit the praises of your people."**

Nowhere in the Bible does God say that He inhabits the silence of His people.

Example: Acts 16:

- Paul and Silas delivers a girl from demon possession.
- Acts 16:16- They beat them and throw them in prison
- About mid-night they start praying and singing hymns to each other
- The doors fly open, no one leaves, suicidal jailer gets saved and family
- **THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH**

Remember Daniel in the lion's den

He was there for he would not bow to men

There's no doubt or de - ny - in': God shut up the mouth of the lion

When He heard His servant cry

Chorus

The Lord is my strength, the Lord in His power is my strength

Day by day and every hour

The Lord is my strength, the Lord in His power is my strength

Day by day and every hour

Every day and every hour, every day and every hour

Remember Paul and Si - las in the jail
They re - joiced for they knew God would not fail
Then a - long a - bout mid - night God delivered them by His great might
When He heard His children cry

*The Lord is my strength, the Lord in His power is my strength
Day by day and every hour*

*The Lord is my strength, the Lord in His power is my strength
Day by day and every hour*

Every day and every hour, every day and every hour

Remember we were all dead in our sin, my
sins were buried when Lord Jesus rose a - gain, and when
Sa - tan comes like a flood cry out to Him who shed His own blood that
We might reign with Him on high!

*The Lord is my strength, the Lord in His power is my strength
Day by day and every hour*

*The Lord is my strength, the Lord in His power is my strength
Day by day and every hour*

Every day and every hour, every day and every hour

How Do We Connect With God the Spirit realm?

1. **Praise and Worship.**
2. **Conversing With One Another About God And His Word**

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

Malachi 3:16

"They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him."

Malachi 3:17

Satan doesn't want you talking about God. He wants you too busy to find time to discuss Him. He doesn't want words that could encourage your heart and build your faith so that the natural can crack the bat with your word into the supernatural, the spirit realm.

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 - **A Hit Is A Word or Words Spoken That Creates Life and Freedom**

Satan doesn't want you to know that. Satan will do all kinds of tricks to keep you from worshiping and praising God or keeping you from talking about God. He doesn't want you to get a hit.

When life throws you a curve ball and you are overwhelmed with circumstances, when you are riding in your car, when you are on your way to the doctor, Satan is doing all he can to distract you from getting a hit and connecting the natural to the spiritual.

How Do We Connect With God the Spirit realm?

1. *Praise and Worship.*
2. **Conversing With One Another About God And His Word**
3. **Prayer**

If you want to be in contact with God, how do you do that? God says "Pray!" What are prayers? They are words that crack the bat between natural words and supernatural blessing. It's how you get to God

"They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed."

Psalms 22:5

How You First Get To God (If You Don't Know God?)

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:8b-9

"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:12-13

So how do you begin the process of using your words to crack the bat will move your words from the natural to the spiritual? You connect with God.

How do you get God to inhabit your presence? You Praise, You Talk, Pray

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- **Words are the hit from the natural to the Spiritual**
- **Words are the hit from the Spiritual to the natural GOD IS SPEAKING!**

He Speaks Through His Spirit- Jesus said:

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. "

John 14:16-17

- **How Can You Be Filled With The Spirit**

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20

Be filled with the Spirit. How does that happen? You talk to yourself and

others in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, sing and make music to the Lord.

He Speaks Through His Word

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...”

II Timothy 3:16

- God breathed it!
- When God wants to come to you he will either come by His Spirit, His Word or...

He Speaks Through His Messenger

As I am speaking, I know that there are those the Holy Spirit has already prepared to hear this message. I know that this is the Word of God and that the Holy Spirit will illuminate that to your Spirit, not just to confirm what I say is true, that the reality of the Words that I speak are a confirmation of what the Holy Spirit has been saying to you.

What you are hearing me say is that God is HITTING THE BALL from the Spiritual to the natural and affect your life.

“He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.”

Psalms 107:20

How did God do this? By sending His Word!

You have got to use your mouth to bridge that gap. You have got to use your mouth to get to where you are and where God is. He does not inhabit your silence, He inhabits your praise, conversations about Him and your prayers; in your Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplications.

Satan doesn't want you to know this or hear this. He wants you to sit around in hopelessness, moping, gripping, complaining and in despair. To prevent your words or pollute your words. He doesn't want you in the Spirit realm.

Satan has to stop your words and he doesn't want you to see the worth of your words the way that God does, but in God's sight there is a different score-card,

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How Important Are Words?

Words are THE Crack of The Bat of how a man or woman gets out of the natural and into the Spiritual realm. If you don't use words you can't get there!

God had chosen, not to come by Angelic preaching or ghost, but God has chosen to use words. And Satan's job is to simply never let you see that so that you will never use the power God has given you.

“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat it's fruit.”

Proverbs 18:21

How Do You Get Life?

You talk to God! You confess His Word and you bridge the gap between the natural

and the supernatural by using spiritual language.

God talks to You! He speaks by His Spirit, by His Word and by His messenger.