

God in Your Gums

Exodus 4:10-13

Introduction

God wants to influence and control our speech. He is the Creator of communication. In Exodus 4:10-13, Moses believes he cannot communicate on God's behalf because he feels his speech is inadequate. God tells Moses that He was the Creator of Moses' tongue, and therefore was not bound by Moses' perception of his own ability to speak. God would tell him what to say. In the same way, God wants to be the initiator of what we say and how we say it. Our job is to yield our speech to Him and allow Him to guide us in this area of our lives.

God not only wants to influence our speech, he wants us to trust Him for the words that we use. In Mark 13:11, we are told that the Holy Spirit will give us what He wants us to say. We can trust God to provide us with the information we need to share to others and the timing in which to do so. The good news is that we don't have to have it all together in this area. God offers to be our counselor and to guide us.

Right speech before God involves regular cleansing. In Isaiah 6:1-8, the prophet claimed to have unclean lips and he asked God to purify him. In order to have the kind of "flow" with God where you can have confidence that He will give you the right words at the right time, you've got to be in right relationship with Him. This means that you must be willing to be cleansed and to confess to Him any areas, including your speech, where you are not living up to His standard.

Getting Started

1. What resonated with you most from today's sermon?
2. Have you had any experience where you didn't know what to say and God gave you the right words at the right time?

Let's Get Personal

1. What does it look like for you to surrender your lips to the Lord? How do you know you when are doing it? What about when you are not?
2. Does your speech currently reflect God's influence? Share with your group why it does or does not.
3. What do you typically do when you are in a situation where you know you don't have the right words to say?
4. Have you seen personal growth in the area of God's influence over your mouth? Share your experience with others.

Take the Next Step

1. Is there an area of speech where you have not been honoring to the Lord? Are you willing to surrender that area to Him?
2. What will you do differently, as a result of hearing today's message? How will you seek out God's influence on your speech?
3. Pray together with your group and ask God to flow through you and your words to speak in a wise way that honors Him. Ask for the Holy Spirit's help in the specific situations that you will encounter this week.
4. Want to dive deeper into this topic? Exodus 4:10-13, Mark 13:1, Isaiah 50:4, Luke 11:11-13, John 16:13-14, Luke 10:19, and Psalm 141:3.

Renew Your Mind

"Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say." Exodus 4:12
