



SPEAK PT.4 | THE ENEMIES NARRATIVE | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

WE HAVE BEEN IN THIS SERIES CALLED “SPEAK” AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD... AND SILENCE THE LOUD, CONSTANT, POPULAR VOICES...

-GOD’S PRESENCE IS ON THE EARTH RIGHT NOW.

-HE IS PRESENT VIA HIS HOLY SPIRIT, WHO OPERATES IN AND WITH HIS CHURCH (THE BODY OF CHRIST)

BUT IT IS OFTEN HARD TO HEAR HIM...

3 QUESTIONS...

-Who are you listening to?

-Who do you submit to?

-What voice has the greatest influence in your life?

*****REALITY CHECK: MY OWN VOICE IS NOT THE VOICE OF GOD!*****

****SOMETIMES THE LOUD AND POPULAR VOICES OF OTHERS LEAD US ASTRAY****

THE PROBLEM... THAT THE “NOISE” IS SO LOUD AND SO CONSTANT AND THE NOISE TRIES TO DROWN OUT THE VOICE OF GOD!

3 TYPES OF **LOUD CONSTANT** VOICES:

- THE INNER VOICE (SELF)
- THE OUTER VOICES (THOSE WHO INFLUENCE MY INNER VOICE)
- THE ENEMY'S VOICE (MAY BE MIXED IN WITH THE OTHER 2)

[John 8:44](#)

THE DEVIL IS A MURDERER (WANTS TO DESTROY) AND A LIAR (HIS METHODS USED TO GAIN ACCESS)

SPOILER ALERT: WE WIN (IN CHRIST JESUS!)

REVELATION 20:8-10

BUT THE ENEMY TRIES TO INVADE, DISTRACT, AND IF POSSIBLE, DESTROY US **BY SPINNING A NARRATIVE THAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF GOD'S TRUTH AND PROMISES!**

GOD HAS A WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

BUT THE ENEMY ALSO HAS A WILL:

[John 10:10](#)

TRUTH: THE ENEMY NEEDS ACCESS TO A PERSON'S LIFE... SO HE USES LIES, "WISPERS" TO TRY TO GAIN ACCESS...

THE ENTRY POINTS THAT HE USES TO GAIN ACCESS:

-CONSENT, COMPROMISE, AND COOPERATION

- **CONSENT:** agreeing and accepting his lies as truth
- **COMPROMISE:** some area of neglect where you did not listen to the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, or sound Biblical counsel.
- **COOPERATION:** an area of ignorance or weakness in which you embrace demonic, sinful actions.

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WHEN HE GETS ACCESS, HE BEGINS TO SPIN AND SPIN A NEW, FALSE NARRATIVE

HE TRIES TO MAKE YOU THINK YOU NEED

-SELF ISOLATION: TO GET YOU UNPLUGGED FROM OTHERS WHO LOVE YOU

-SELF GRATIFICATION: TO GET YOU MEDICATED ON SINFUL INDULGENCE

-SELF INTOXICATION: TO GET YOU NUMB AND INTO SELF-LOATHING

TO COMBAT ISOLATION:

Romans 12:4-5 2 Corinthians 13:11

TO COMBAT SELF GRATIFICATION:

1 Corinthians 10:13

TO COMBAT SELF-INTOXICATION: James 4:7

ROMANS 8:31-39

HELL'S NARRATIVE:

"I can't because..."

"God won't because..."

"It is what it is..."

"I'm going to die..."

"I'm stuck..."

"Once an addict, always an addict." God brings me freedom!

"I'm just like...." God made me new in Christ!

"I'm stupid" God gives me wisdom!

"I'm ugly" God created me with His hands!

"I have no value" God paid it all for me!

"I'm worthless" God calls me His prize and possession!

"I'll never find love." God is my first love, and I trust Him!

GOD'S NARRATIVE:

God empowers me!

God fights for me!

God changes things!

God is my healer!

God is my deliverance!

AM I LIVING ACCORDING TO THE DEVIL'S FALSE NARRATIVE?

ASK YOURSELF: DOES IT MAKE ME:

- More destructive or less?**
- Produce the “fruit” of the Spirit?**
- Lead me closer to God?**
- Bring me to a place of worship, praise, and surrender (to God)?**
- Feed and empower my spirit (not emotions or feelings)?**
- Align my life with the Word of God?**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

John 8:2-11

THE RELIGIOUS ELITE SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEMPT JESUS... THE BLOOD THIRSTY TOWNSPEOPLE SAW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SHOW..

IN THIS STORY, JESUS CHANGES THE NARRATIVE... HE OFFERS GRACE AND RESTORES THIS WOMAN TO GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE...

NEW TESTAMENT WORD FOR GRACE: 5485. **Charis** (khar'-ece): answers directly to the Hebrew (OT) term [2580](#) /**Kaná** ("grace, extension-toward").

Both refer to God *freely extending Himself* (*His favor*, *grace*), *reaching (inclining)* to people because He is *disposed* to bless (be near) them.

GRACE: UNDERSERVED, UNEARNED, UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD.

“FAVOR IS NOT FAIR!”

WHAT WAS JESUS DOING? WHY WAS WRITING ON THE GROUND??? WELL, THERE ARE SEVERAL THEORIES AND I'LL SUBMIT ONE TO YOU TODAY...

BACK UP TO JOHN 7:37-39 (BEFORE THIS SITUATION HAPPENS)

- WATER (JESUS)
- THE REJECTION OF JESUS
- THE WOMAN BEING SHAMED
- JESUS WRITING IN THE DIRT....

JEREMIAH 17:12-13

JOHN 8:9

JESUS FLIPPED THE SCRIPT AND CHANGED THE NARRATIVE!

EMBRACE YOUR NEW NARRATIVE:

- Tell somebody!
- Filter life through gratitude!
- Choose Jesus over other “pleasures”!
- Speak the truth (preach to yourself)!
- Take some dominion: Tell the devil where to go!

WE REBUKE: strong correction, calling sin, the enemy, etc. what it is! (using the word)

WE RENOUNCE: reject and disown the attack, accepted lies, lusts

WE RESIST: oppose, withstand, and reject by standing firm

WE PRACTICE CHRISTIANITY: pray! Fast! Worship! Praise! Read! Testify! Serve! Tithe/Give! Confess! Seek help: ministry!