

MEN'S CONFERENCE 2018



CAN YOU NAVIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE?

❖ WE NEED A GREAT TEACHER

❖ WE NEED A GREAT SAVIOR!

❖ ***JESUS IS THAT ONE AND ONLY PERSON WHO WILL
ACCOMPLISH BOTH NEEDS!***

NEW SERIES: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, OR,
NAVIGATING LIFE


- ❖ **LEARNING THE CHRISTIAN 'WALK'**
- ❖ **GROWING IN OUR FAITH**
- ❖ **GETTING CLOSER TO JESUS**

SOTM LESSON 6: WORDS

- “Sticks and stones . . .
- Words hurt
- Words heal

MATTHEW 5. 33-37, NIV

- ³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.**

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- **³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.**

WORDS . .

- Why no vows?
- “My word is my bond”
- Christians should be known for:
- Honesty
- integrity

YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO . .

- My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to **listen**,
- slow to **speak** and
- slow to become angry,
 - James 1.19

WORDS HEAL

- Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for **building others up**
- according to their **needs,**
- that it may benefit those who listen.
 - Ephesians 4.29




TWO KEY PHASES

- I **love you**
- I'm **sorry for** . . .

THE POWER OF **PRESENCE**

- Presence is a noun, not a verb; it is a state of being, not doing. States of being are not highly valued in a culture which places a high priority on doing. Yet, true presence or "being with" another person carries with it a silent power —

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- to bear witness to a passage, to help carry an emotional burden or to begin a healing process. In it, there is an intimate connection with another that is perhaps too seldom felt in a society that strives for ever-faster "connectivity."

- <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5064534>

THE WORD

- In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace and truth**.

- John 1.1, 14