

Home Improvement

Week 3

Home Improvement: Building Your House with the Power of Words

I. Encounter & Context

- Home improvement = facing situations without the right tools or knowing how to approach them.
- Examples of impossible or helpless situations from the Bible:
 - Ezekiel's valley of dry bones
 - Paul & Silas in prison
 - Jesus tempted in the wilderness
 - Centurion's healing request
 - Jairus' daughter's death
 - Disciples & Jesus in the storm
- Key theme: Each was resolved through the power of words.

II. Creation & God's Word

- God created the world through words:
 - The Spirit hovered; God's spoken word brought creation.

III. Heart & Words

- God has been performing a sacred work in our hearts.
- Practical tools moving forward: **Prayer** and **Awareness of words**.

IV. David & Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

- David's prayer time with God gave him confidence.
- He had discernment to see Goliath clearly.
- David boldly declared God's truth.
- Key points:
 - Knowing God's character and covenant builds boldness.
 - Prayer as a vital tool:
 - Psalm 91: Dwelling in God's shelter.
 - Mark 11:23 - Speaking to mountains.
 - Matthew 21:13 - House of prayer.
 - Words reflect heart's condition:
 - Thermometer* — gauges heart condition (Luke 6:43-45).
 - Thermostat* — changes the atmosphere.

V. Power of Words

- Proverbs 18:21 - Life and death are in the tongue.
- The importance of speaking LIFE at home:
 - Celebrate and speak to the calling on loved ones.
 - Honor and uplift others.
 - Speak with intention; avoid negativity, cursing.
- Ephesians 4:29 - Use words to build up.
- Hebrews 4:12 - God's Word is living and active.

VI. Practical Application

- You're not powerless; prayer and words are your tools.
- Speak life and align your words with God's truth.
- Cultivate a home environment of affirmation, honor, and love.

VII. Speaking the Truth in Love

- Ephesians 4:15 - Speak truth in love.
- Avoid speaking in anger, jealousy, or hatred.
- Aim for constructive, truthful, loving communication.

VIII. Biblical Examples & Stories

- Ezekiel 37: The valley of dry bones — hope through God's word.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, may our home be filled with love for You. Let our home point to Your Word and covenant. Jesus, make Your home here. May Your blessing, favor, and peace rest upon this household, overflowing with goodness. Lord, let Shalom guard this home, remove strife, and establish unity. Jesus, let Your peace rule in every relationship. Thank You for daily bread and provision. May this table be a place of gratitude and generosity. Lord, cover this house with Your wings. Let angels guard every door and window. Jesus, protect us from every attack. Let our home be a place of joy, love, and unity where Christ is honored. Lord, let Your covenant blessing rest on our children and their children. May salvation, blessing, and calling extend to every generation. May our children be taught by the Lord and live in great peace, like fruitful olive shoots, growing in wisdom and favor. Lord, You are Jehovah Rapha. Mark this home with health and wholeness. By Jesus' stripes, may every member walk in wholeness and strength. May we prosper in body and soul. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Let Your covenant blessing sanctify this household and draw every heart to You.

Deuteronomy 6:4–9, John 14:23, Numbers 6:24–26, Ephesians 1:3, Psalm 122:7, Colossians 3:15, Isaiah 32:18, Deuteronomy 8:10, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 91:9–11, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Psalm 133:1, Colossians 3:13–14, Genesis 28:3, Acts 2:39, Exodus 15:26, Isaiah 53:5, 3 John 1:2, Joshua 24:15, Acts 16:, 1 Corinthians 7:14, Isaiah 54:13, Psalm 128:3, Mark 10:16