



The Power Of Words

Words. Everything on this page besides punctuation is words.

Words begin wars and ends wars. Words begins friendships and ends friendships.

Wow, even when God created all that there is and ever will be, He did it with words. Genesis 1:3, Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. NKJV

I am old.....verrry old. As a teen I loved listening to the radio. Back in the day, what drew me to a song was the words. The melody of the music was nice -- of course it was -- but the words got me every time.

I really liked love ballads. A **ballad** is a **song** that tells a story, and it can be dramatic, funny, or romantic. When your girlfriend gave your ring back to you and a certain song came on the radio it would throw you into a mood.

Maybe the song, "breaking up is hard to do" would come on the radio and it would bring you really down and you were just in the dumps and you knew you would never love anyone again when you heard those words:

*Don't take your love away from me, Don't you leave my heart in misery,
If you go then I'll be blue 'Cause breaking up is hard to do.*

You felt this way for a whole day or maybe two and then it happened...around the corner walked the most beautiful girl you have ever seen or for the broken hearted girl, standing there was the most perfect guy on the planet and on the radio you heard these words:

*Oh, oh, oh, oh, wah-ah-ah, oh, oh, oh, oh
Earth angel, earth angel Will you be mine?
My darling dear Love you all the time
I'm just a fool A fool in love with you*

Yes, words really can change everything --even moods!

Consider Luke 24. It is early on a Sunday morning and Jesus has walked out of his own grave. He has encountered several people. There are two disciples walking to a Village called Emmaus. Jesus begins to walk with these men. They are prohibited from knowing who Jesus is at the moment. These disciples are talking about things that had happened over the past several days and Jesus asked them about their conversation. They replied by saying you must the only one around here that doesn't know what has happened? They told Jesus their side of the story of what had happened and then Jesus told them the truth from scripture

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Later as they sat down to eat, and their eyes were opened and they knew it was Jesus and guess what? Jesus vanished. Poof....He was gone.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

And let's not miss the value of the very next verse:

³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Discuss

1. Was there a time when there was a burning within your heart when you heard the words of the Bible, God's word? Can you describe what you heard and how you felt?

2. Read Ezekiel 3:1-3

¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

3. What does Ezekiel do with the word of God? He eats it, he consumes it

4. How much of God's Word was Ezekiel to eat? He was to fill his stomach. In essence, he was to fill himself up with the word of God. Why is important to fill ourselves up with the word of God?

5. What was the taste of God's word compared to? Sweet as Honey

6. If you continue reading Ezekiel, you will find that Ezekiel was to share these words with Israel. Why?

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