

The Spirit Of The Message Pt7

Speaking The Truth In Love

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

14. *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

15. *But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

16. *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body **unto the edifying of itself in love**.*

I SAMUEL 20:1

1. *And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?*

HEAR YE HIM [59-0424E]

Sometimes it's not the things you say; it's the way you say it. Not... It's not the things you do; it's the way you do it.

NUMBERS 12:1-2

1. *And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.*

2. *And they said, **Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us?** And the LORD heard it.*

NUMBERS 16:1-3

1. *Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:*

2. *And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:*

3. *And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, **Ye take too much upon you**, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

EXODUS 18:13-26

13. *And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.*
14. *And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?*
15. *And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:*
16. *When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.*
17. *And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.*
18. *Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.*
19. *Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:*
20. *And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.*
21. *Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:*
22. *And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.*
23. *If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.*
24. *So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.*
25. *And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.*
26. *And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.*

NUMBERS 11:11-17

11. *And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?*
12. *Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?*
13. *Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.*
14. *I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.*

15. *And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.*

16. *And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.*

17. *And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.*

WHY? [61-0413]

So sometimes it's not what you say; it's the way you say it.

SPEAK TO THIS MOUNTAIN [59-1123]

We'd been fishing down in Dale Hollow again, and that night we caught a nice string of fish but had run out of bait. And we were standing, throwing our fly lines in, catching little bluegill to bait with them. And Mr. Banks Wood said to Mr. Lyle Wood, which both of them was brothers, said, "We ought to go over here to some old lady." She's about ninety years old. Said, "When we were little Jehovah Witness boys, we used to go around there and she'd give us bread and butter. You remember that old homemade bread?" Said, "We ought to go to tell her that we are saved." That was the right thing.

Now, this... Please try to catch this. It's just the way you say things sometime that changes the whole setup. They said just the right thing.

IT WASN'T SO FROM THE BEGINNING [62-0630B]

Brethren, we got the best product in the world, but we're handling it wrong. See? That's right. What say, if--if Brother Borders here is a carpenter, what if he was standing out here with a hammer beating around on nails (You see?), and I had some kind of super-duper hammer here, that I could put a keg of nails in, go 'brrrrp,' just go up like that, and nail all the boards on at once. And I come up to him and say, "Yeah. You're out of the game. You ain't got nothing. There's nothing to you anyhow. You're not even in the game." See? I've ruined my product right there. I've approached him in the wrong way. See?

If I'll go up and tell him how wonderful, what a good carpenter he is and just leave my product, it'll sell itself if it's any good.