

THE WORDS OF JESUS

Sermon on the Mount | Family Devotion | Week 5

The Passage

Matthew 5:2

Questions

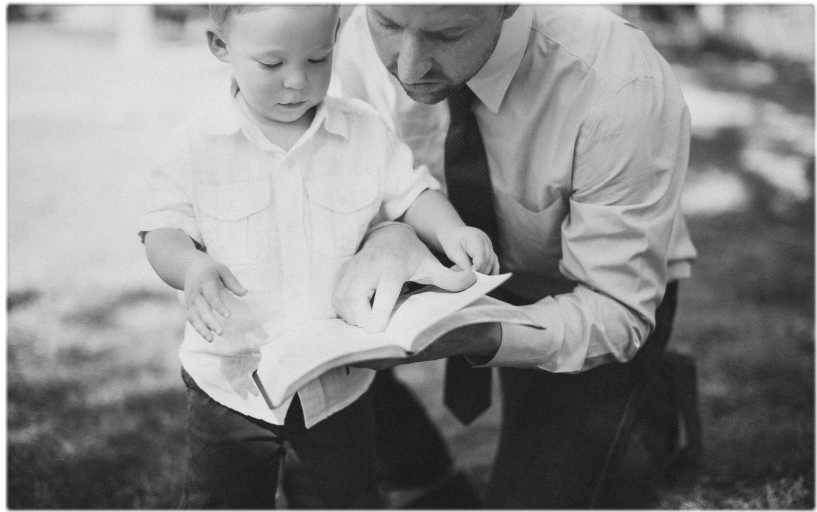
Do you have a favorite word? A word you find hilarious? One that is fun to say?

What do you think Jesus sounded like when he spoke?

How can our family trust the words of Jesus in a new way?

Prayer

God... thank you for stepping into our world and speaking words of life. We admit your words are not easy, We often struggle when their challenge is painful. But we trust you. We trust you have a plan for our family. Help us to follow you as you lead and mold us. We love you.



The Story

Words are everywhere. We just can't get away from them. Billboards, radio shows, books, conversations with family and friends, commercials, phones, and so many more places provide a seemingly endless stream of words. But on top of it, words matter. They can build, change, hurt, and influence in unbelievable ways. Words are so powerful at even their tone can communicate volumes.. Think of that tone your mother always used to get your attention. Words matter. But what if the words were spoken by someone who knew you better than anyone? What if it was someone who had the power to change this world for the better? When Jesus begins to speak in Matthew 5, Matthew is careful to record that Jesus "opened his mouth and began to teach." Do you think those people knew who was speaking? That the man who sat down on that hillside and began to paint a new vision was actually the Savior of the world? Did they believe him? You and I do know who Jesus is. We get the benefit of the whole picture, a picture that includes the cross and Easter morning. But the question for us is the same one the people of Galilee faced two thousand years ago; will we believe Jesus when he speaks? His words are challenging, asking us to retool how we think and what we prioritize. His words are uncomfortable, forcing us to grapple with subjects and pain that we would rather ignore. Will we hear him when he speaks? Or will we respond as Peter did when he said to Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68)?