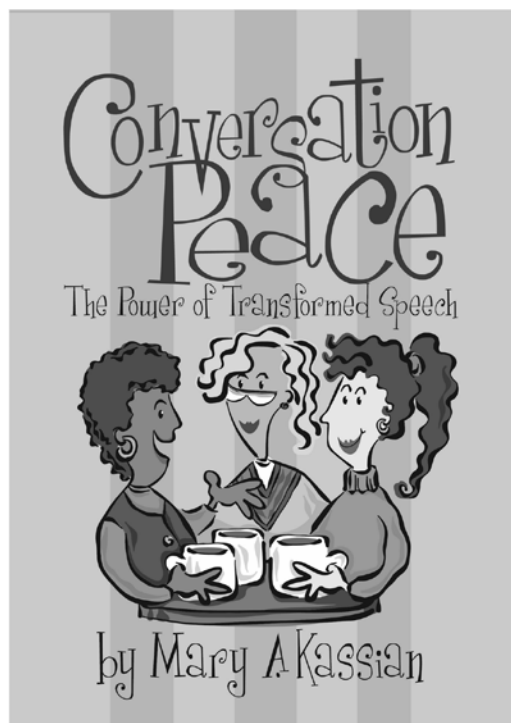
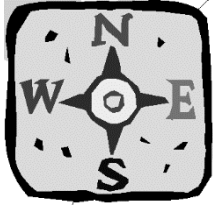


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***Conversation Peace: The Power of
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The Power of Navigation

Where do you want to go today?

James 3:1-6

This Talk Show guide will help you follow the video for Session One.

The tongue has the power of life and death. Tongues navigate our ships. James compares our tongues to a rudder and a bit.

1. The tongue navigates.

- a. Words _____ our world (see Heb. 11:3).

A supporting structure or skeleton defines the shape and boundary for all that it contains.

- b. Words confess (see Rom. 10:9-10).

Your speech is a confession that either aligns you with God's view of reality or with someone else's.

- c. Words have spiritual consequences (see Matt. 18:18).

They can "bind" and "loose."

- d. Words affect our _____ (see Matt. 12:36-37).

Your words will either acquit or condemn you.

2. Charts and tools are provided.

- a. The _____ charts the course (see Jas. 1:25).

We will be on course if we follow the right chart.

- b. Tools take our bearings (see John 16:8-16).

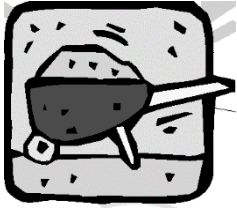
Some of these are our consciences, feedback from family and friends, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3. Order at the helm is required.

- a. Accept responsibility (see Jas. 1:26; 3:7-8).

- b. Get help (see Ps. 18:30-32).

To be totally responsible yet totally dependent is the paradox of the disciple of Christ and the paradox of successful navigation. Where you go today depends on what you say today.



The Power of Cause and Effect

It starts in the heart.

Matthew 12:33-35; 15:16-20

This Talk Show guide will help you follow the video for Session Two.

1. Look under the surface (see Matt. 15:18).

The words we speak are connected to what lies in our _____.

If the heart is bad, the words or actions are also bad, regardless of how they look to observers.

Words and behavior are connected to the attitudes and thoughts that are rooted in the deepest beliefs and values of our hearts.

2. Examine the quality of the soil (see Jer. 9:1-6; Isa. 5:20).

The soil is the _____ of everything we say and do.

Two types of soil:

- Soil of _____
- Soil of _____

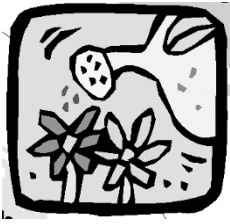
Deceit is refusing to _____ God.

The quality of my speech will depend upon the type of _____ in which my words are anchored.

3. Initiate change from the bottom up (see Rom. 12:2).

Have you committed to a purification plan? Yes No

As the soil improves, good thoughts and attitudes will take root and sprout into healthy, beautiful, fruitful words. That's the power of cause and effect!



The Power of Exchange

Out with the old—in with the new.
Psalms 39 and 40

This Talk Show guide will help you follow the video for Session Three.

1. Empty spaces beg to be _____.

When it comes to our hearts, it isn't enough to clean out the bad. We need to harness the power of exchange to intentionally fill up those empty spaces. Otherwise, our work of cleaning and weeding will have been for naught.

2. King David grew increasingly frustrated that he had nothing _____ to say to his adversaries.

To harness the power of exchange, David made some adjustments. David cried out, "Show me, O Lord." He changed four areas of his life.

- a. Focus: from microscopic to _____ (see Ps. 39:4-7).

Look at the big picture.

- b. Mode of Operation: from autonomy to _____ on God (Ps. 39:8-12).

Reliance is humble, teachable, and dependent on God.

- c. Commitment: from impatience to _____ (see Ps. 39:13–40:2).

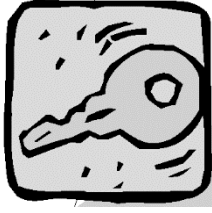
Stick with it for the long haul.

- d. Habit: from silence to _____ (see Ps. 40:8-10).

God will give you something new to say—words of God's love.

The result: "Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord" (Ps. 40:3).

When we turn to God to help us transform the empty spaces in our hearts into welcoming, cultivated places, people will notice. Many will see and marvel and put their trust in the Lord. That's the power of exchange!



The Power of the Open Gate

Toppling the tongue tower
Genesis 11:1-11

This Talk Show guide will help you follow the video for Session Four.

1. Characteristics of Tongue Towers

- a. Tongue Towers are _____ places—“above others.”
- b. Tongue Towers function as _____.
They represent power because they control access.
- c. Tongue Towers create barriers to _____.
The people were talking but they weren't connecting.

2. Causes of Tongue Towers—Tongue Towers are built through prideful attitudes.

Attitude	Indicator	Motivator
Complacent	“settled there”	desire for ease/comfort
Independent	“let us”	desire for control
Self-centered	“for ourselves”	desire for gain
Striving	“bricks, bake, build city”	desire for acceptance
Self-promoting	“make a name”	desire for recognition
Fearful/defensive	“tower, not to be scattered”	desire for security
Presumptuous	“to the heavens”	desire for preeminence

3. Consequences of Tongue Towers

- a. Their _____ was confused.
- b. They were unable to _____ together.
- c. They were _____—fractured relationships.
- d. They experienced on-going pain and _____.

4. Counteracting Tongue Towers

Counteract with an _____ gate. Watch the high tower _____.

I open my gate when I have the right posture before God and the right perspective of God. Bowing in humility allows God's glory to flood into my life and into my words so I can experience the power of the open gate.



The Power of Construction

Laying tracks to connect
Ephesians 4:20–5:4

This Talk Show guide will help you follow the video for Session Five.

1. Embrace the vision.

In the Book of Ephesians, Paul's vision for our speech is a vision for:

- a. something _____ (see 4:22-24).
- b. _____ (see 4:25)—all members of one body working in cooperation.
- c. spiritual _____ (see 4:27,30)—defeat for evil and triumph for God.

2. Overcome barriers.

- a. Selfish _____ (4:22) replaced by working in cooperation.
- b. _____ (4:25) replaced by truthful speech.
- c. _____ (see 4:31; 5:4) replaced even when the going is slow.
- d. _____ to pay the price (see 5:1-2) replaced by
sacrificial limitation of God.

3. Lay track (see 4:29).

- a. Wholesome words are like good _____.
- b. Helpful words are focused on the needs of _____
- c. Beneficial words lay track for God's _____ in the lives of others.

*With the power of construction, your words
can build into a kingdom that will last forever.*



The Power of Instruction

God's School of Speech Arts
Isaiah 6:5-8; 50:4; 51:16; 59:21

This Talk Show guide will help you follow the video for Session Six.

1. God enrolls unlikely candidates.

- a. Isaiah (see Isa. 6:5)
- b. Jeremiah (see Jer. 1:6)
- c. Ezekiel (see Ezek. 3:14-15)
- d. Daniel (see Dan. 10:15-17)
- e. Disciples (see Mark 3:13-19; 14:29)
- f. Apostle Paul (see Acts 20:9; 1 Cor. 10:10)
- g. Moses (see Ex. 3:11; 4:10; 6:12)

2. God gives a unique guarantee.

- a. His _____ is with us (see Isa. 59:12).
- b. He will put _____ in our mouths (see Isa. 51:16).
- c. He will provide _____ for the tests (see Luke 12:11-12).

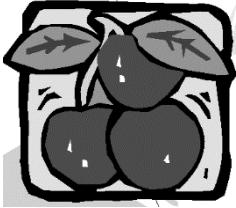
3. God's program is unconventional.

- a. He puts His _____ on the students (see Jer. 1:9).
- b. All He asks is that we _____ (see Ps. 81:10; Isa. 50:4-5; Ezek. 3:27).
- c. His program is focused on _____, not product (see Ps. 38:13-15).

4. God's results are uncommon.

- a. Isaiah (see Isa. 50:4-5)
- b. Moses (see Deut. 31:30)

In God's school, you are in your very own category. He doesn't compare you to anyone else. If you are enrolled in His program, all you need to do is listen, stand up, and open your mouth ... and victory will be yours! That's the power of instruction.



The Power of Return

Be satisfied with the harvest.

Proverbs 18:20

This diagram will help you follow the video for Session Seven.

