

SERIES: MY BIG FAT MOUTH— CONTRIBUTE OR COMPLAIN

OBJECTIVE: **THINK B4 WE SPEAK**...(adding to it this wk)... & SPEAK LIFE

Luke 6:45 NLT ... **What you say flows from what is in your heart.**

#1 I GET TO CHOOSE! (what Goes in My Heart & Comes out of My Mouth)

Every Word I Speak advances **LIFE** –the Kingdom of God or **DEATH** - the Kingdom of Darkness.

Conversations are a Reflection of my Condition

Deuteronomy 30:19 NLT "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

Proverbs 18:21 ESV Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

DO we CHOOSE to CONTRIBUTE or COMPLAIN?

1 Corinthians 10 NKJV Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

Not BEST Idea: Only talk to God when things are Bad

BETTER Idea: PRAISE GOD when its GOOD & "Bad"!!!

CALLING out & COMPLAINING at are not the Same Thing

⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." ⁸Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

LOOK @ this LIST...LUSTING after Evil things, IDOLATRY, Commit SEXUAL IMMORALITY, Tempting Jesus

Exodus 16:8 ⁸ "...What have we done? Yes, your complaints are against the Lord, not against us."

REFOCUS on God's GOODNESS!

#2 Choose GRATITUDE!

Phil 2:14-15 ¹⁴Do everything without grumbling (complaining) or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation..."

¹⁷But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

- **When you Can't change your circumstances—**

Change your perspective.

LET JESUS be the CENTER of Your STORY

Phil 1:12-13 ¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

#3 I will SPEND Myself for JESUS