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**Message Title: A Word in Season**

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**Key Texts: Isaiah 50:4, Nehemiah 8:10, Proverbs 17:17, James 4:14–15, Hebrews 4:15–16, Proverbs 18:21, Psalm 46:1–2, Isaiah 54:10, Psalm 30:5**

**Sub Text:**

Please note that the bible is not a discussion book but a decision book. God honours and empowers your decisions not your discussions. This is the most important part of tonight's meeting .... The Holy Spirit awaits your decisions.

*Please read the entire document and bible texts before you begin to discuss and answer the related questions. This will help you grasp the overall context of the message, however, remember the bible is not a discussion book but a decision book. God honours and empowers your decisions not your discussions.*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Somewhere tonight, behind a closed door, a smile is hiding a storm. That is the honest starting point of this study. Everyone of us has answered "I'm fine, thank you" at some point or another in our lives while nothing inside us felt fine at all. Scripture does not pretend this isn't real, it meets us exactly there. The recent tragic story of Prof. Jason Ardey, a former Cambridge Professor and the youngest ever Black Professor in such a prestige University throws light on a very sobering reflection. The incessant accusation of something which he denied and intense pressure of public and media scrutiny led him to a place of deep mental and emotional isolation, depression and eventual death by verbal and digital lynching. It is almost certain that he went on to make a permanent decision in a temporary situation.

His story is a mirror. It asks each of us two questions: How do I use my tongue when issues arise? Am I a giver of life or a Killer of life? Does my tongue bring healing and revival or does it kill and condemn? Whose servant am I and whose work do I do with my tongue?

**Isaiah 50:4-5 AMPC**

*[The Servant of God says] The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught]. [5] The Lord God has opened My ear, and I have not been rebellious or turned backward.*

### ***Proverbs 18:20-21 TPT***

*Sharing words of wisdom is satisfying to your inner being. It encourages you to know that you've changed someone else's life. [21] Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life, and the talkative person will reap the consequences.*

### ***James 3:2,4-12 TPT***

*We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words. Yet if we're able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means our character is mature and fully developed. [4] And the same with mighty ships, though they are massive and driven by fierce winds, yet they are steered by a tiny rudder at the direction of the person at the helm. [5] And so the tongue is a small part of the body yet it carries great power! Just think of how a small flame can set a huge forest ablaze. [6] And the tongue is a fire! It can be compared to the sum total of wickedness and is the most dangerous part of our human body. It corrupts the entire body and is a hellish flame! It releases a fire that can burn throughout the course of human existence. [7] For every wild animal on earth including birds, creeping reptiles, and creatures of the sea and land have all been overpowered and tamed by humans, [8] but the tongue is not able to be tamed. It's a fickle, unrestrained evil that spews out words full of toxic poison! [9] We use our tongue to praise God our Father and then turn around and curse a person who was made in his very image! [10] Out of the same mouth we pour out words of praise one minute and curses the next. My brothers and sisters, this should never be! [11-12] Would you look for olives hanging on a fig tree or go to pick figs from a grapevine? Is it possible that fresh and bitter water can flow out of the same spring? So neither can a bitter spring produce fresh water.*

**KEY POINT ONE: Your environment, atmosphere and the people you surround yourself with significantly matter**

**Praise Worship Creates an Atmosphere for Healing, Deliverance and Upliftment: the ensuing presence of God and His Word brings strength and hope to those struggling and in despair**

We must thank God for the pure and indefatigable Word of God and the precious blessing of a wonderful praise worship team God has blessed us with here in ICC. Every week we are lead into the wonderful presence of God to hear the reviving and healing word of God. Genuine worship helps to dismantle the counsels and plans of the enemy before it can settle in the mind. When someone is surrounded by a family of faith and an atmosphere of praise, despair loses its foothold, not because pain disappears, but because it is no longer carried alone. Isolation, by contrast, gives darkness room to whisper lies unchallenged. perhaps if Mr Ardey like many others before him could have heard someone to speak the Words of God and experience the uplifting and healing worship, would not have plummeted to such level of discouragement and despair that eventually resulted in suicide. As we have been following the story of Paul the apostle

in Acts 27, the storms of life can often lead one to even despair of life and utter hopelessness. We must not only ensure that we are not instruments of Satan to verbally stone people to death, but we must go further to becoming God's servant and be instruments of healing and hope. It is easy to kill but divine to give life.

**Scripture Focus:** *"The joy of the LORD is your strength."* Nehemiah 8:10

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** Who have I lost touch with because their pain made them go quiet, and could my invitation back into worship and fellowship be the very thing standing between them and despair?

**KEY POINT TWO: Strong Family Support Networks and relationship matter more than money.**

Money can open doors, but it cannot sit with you in grief, intercede for you, or carry your burden at midnight. It is adversity, not comfort that reveals who your true family really is. Favor and breakthrough often come not from what we know or own, but from relationships we have faithfully nurtured, sometimes with people we never thought would matter. The most important issues of life are not dependent on what you know or how much you have but rather who you know and the relationship with them. A clear and perfect example Our Salvation through

Christ. Titus 3:4-6 NIV

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9] not by works, so that no one can boast.

**Scripture Focus:** *"A brother is born for adversity."* Proverbs 17:17

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** Have I been investing more in acquiring things than in cultivating the relationships that will actually stand the test and storms of time?

### **KEY POINT THREE: Today Is a Gift: Daily dependence on God is not optional**

Ordinary goodbyes, a promised meal, a promised treat for a child can become someone's last words without warning. Life is not guaranteed, and Scripture calls this out plainly rather than romanticizing it. This is not meant to produce fear, but humble dependence: "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that" (James 4:15).

#### *James 4:13-17 AMP*

*Come now [and pay attention to this], you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and carry on our business and make a profit." [14] Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen in your life tomorrow. [What is secure in your life?] You are merely a vapor [like a puff of smoke or a wisp of steam from a cooking pot] that is visible for a little while and then vanishes [into thin air]. [15] Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and we will do this or that." [16] But as it is, you boast [vainly] in your pretension and arrogance. All such boasting is evil. [17] So any person who knows what is right to do but does not do it, to him it is sin.*

*Scripture: "You do not know what will happen tomorrow... you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." James 4:14*

***Digging Deep/Life Application:** If today were unexpectedly my last conversation with someone, would my words reflect grace and mercy, or judgement and condemnation? would I regret what was said or left unsaid?*

### **KEY POINT FOUR: Prophets, Priests, and Kings: Understanding God's heart to serve people.**

The prophet hears God's heart for the people; the priest carries the people's needs to God, having first felt them; the king executes God's will on their behalf. Jesus fulfills all three perfectly, He became flesh so He could feel what we feel, intercede for us, and rule with righteousness. Every believer carries this same triple call: to know God's heart, feel people's pain, and act.

#### *Isaiah 50:4-5 AMPC*

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*him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught]. [5] The Lord God has opened My ear, and I have not been rebellious or turned backward.*

**Romans 8:31-34 NLT**

*What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? [32] Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? [33] Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. [34] Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.*

**Scripture Focus:** *"We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses... let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace."*  
Hebrews 4:15-16

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** Am I so consumed with my own world that I have stopped noticing what the people around me are actually going through?

**KEY POINT FIVE: A Word in Season: God's timely encouragement for the weary.**

Weariness is not weakness, it is a place where someone is close to trading a permanent decision for a temporary problem. God specializes in perfect timing: never early, never late, but always right as hope is about to run out. He wakens His servants each morning specifically to deliver a word that arrives exactly when it's needed.

**Scripture Focus:** *"He wakens Me morning by morning... to speak a word in season to him who is weary."* Isaiah 50:4

**Digging Deep/Life Application:** Have I asked God this week, "Whose weariness do You want me to speak into today?" or have I simply gone about my own agenda?

**KEY POINT SIX: Life and Death are in the Tongue: Rightly Stewarding our words.**

The tongue is not given to us just for ourselves alone, it is entrusted to us to carry deliverance, healing, and comfort to someone others. A careless word can wound deeply, and even kill but a Spirit-led word, even hummed quietly, can reach a soul standing at the edge of a decision. This is a sacred stewardship, not a small thing to be handled carelessly. We must be very careful how we use our tongues so that we don't leave a trail of dead bodies behind us.

**Scripture Focus:** *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21*

Revelation 12:10-11 AMP

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom (dominion, reign) of our God, and the authority of His Christ have come; for the accuser of our [believing] brothers and sisters has been thrown down [at last], he who accuses them and keeps bringing charges [of sinful behavior] against them before our God day and night. [11] And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death.

***Digging Deep/Life Application:*** Does my everyday speech at home, at work, online build life in the people who hear it, or am I scattering deathly and poisonous words I've never weighed?

**KEY POINT SEVEN: Don't make permanent decisions under temporary circumstances.**

No matter how loud the storm, mountains shaking, waters roaring, God remains an ever-present refuge. Weeping may endure through a night, but joy comes with the morning; no darkness has ever stopped the sun from rising. A permanent decision made in a temporary season steals a story God had not finished writing, but His covenant of peace, His unshakeable love, cannot be removed (Isaiah 54:10).

**Scripture Focus:** *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear." Psalm 46:1-2*

***Digging Deep/Life Application:*** Is there a decision, or a despair, I've been

carrying in silence that I need to bring

into the light of God's presence and someone else's care tonight?

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

Your tongue is not just for you. Somewhere, someone is waiting on the word God has already prepared in your mouth, a word that could turn back a step toward disaster, restore someone's hope, or simply remind them they are not alone. And if you are the one who feels weary tonight, hear this clearly: you are not forgotten, you are not without refuge, and this present darkness does not get to write the final chapter of your story. Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5). Don't trade forever for a moment.

### **PROMISES OF GOD FROM THE MESSAGE**

1. **God will never let the enemy write the final chapter of your story.**  
*"He is the Alpha and the Omega... the last chapter of your life has been written by Jehovah God." Revelation 22:13*
2. **His covenant of peace will never be removed, no matter how much shakes around you.**  
*"Though the mountains be shaken... My covenant of peace shall not be removed." Isaiah 54:10*
3. **No weapon formed against you shall prosper.**  
*"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn." Isaiah 54:17*
4. **Weeping may last through the night, but joy is coming in the morning.**  
*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5*
5. **God is your ever-present refuge and strength, you have no reason to fear.**  
*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear." Psalm 46:1-2*
6. **God always makes a way of escape, you are never truly cornered.**  
*"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man... but with the temptation will also make the way of escape." 1 Corinthians 10:13*
7. **God has placed a word of life in your mouth for someone who is weary.**  
*"He wakens Me morning by morning... to speak a word in season to him who is weary." Isaiah 50:4*

### **PRAYERS: PRAYER POINTS OF GOD FROM THE MESSAGE**

1. Lord, let worship in this house dismantle every whisper of despair

and draw the weary into Your presence.

2. Father, teach me to value people over possessions and to nurture the relationships that matter for eternity.
3. Lord, help me hold today with gratitude, not presumption, and to walk in humble surrender to Your will.
4. God, give me the ears of a prophet, the compassion of a priest, and the courage of a king to serve those around me.
5. Father, waken my ear morning by morning; put in my mouth the exact word someone weary needs today.
6. Lord, let my words carry life, healing, and hope, and never carelessness or harm.
7. God of refuge, meet every person tempted toward a permanent decision in a temporary storm; be their very present help, and let them see the sun rise again.

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