Jesus would not be controlled by others. He would speak truth, even if it meant confrontation and ultimately offense. If you desire the approval of men, God's anointing cannot fall upon you. You must purpose in your heart to speak the Word of God and perform His will even at the risk of offending others. Jesus offended those of His own hometown.

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WEAPONS OF WARFARE: THE NAME, THE WORD, & THE BLOOD

PART TWO: THE WORD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:1-2

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

These two verses, from the Gospel of that disciple whom Jesus loved (John 21:7: *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"...*), show us that the Word is Jesus. All that Jesus is, has been and will be is

shown in the Logos. Therefore, if we want to know Jesus with intimacy, we must read the Word.

This first verse in John, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,"* shows the intimacy between the Word, Jesus, and the Father. Rick Renner, the noted Greek scholar, notes that the word translated *with* in this verse is the Greek word *pros.* Renner writes, "By using this word to describe the relationship between the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is telling us that theirs is an intimate relationship. One expositor has translated the verse, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was *face-to-face* with God….'"

One of the greatest things the Baptism in the Holy Spirit did for me personally was give me such a wonderful love for the Word of God. This is not surprising since the Holy Spirit comes to speak of Christ and not of Himself. Jesus is the Word incarnate and He says that He values His Word even more than He does His name (Psalm 138:2b-*For You have magnified Your Word above all Your name.*).

This is astounding to me since, as we learned in the last lesson, His name delivers us from demons, opens the door for our salvation, brings healing and answers to prayer, and gives us the right to become children of God (*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name*...John 1:12). I believe we are to read the Word, hear the Word, speak the Word, sing the Word, and, most importantly, live the Word.

A great, international faith teacher from Mableton, Georgia, Pat Carver, who has gone to be with the Lord, said of the Word: "We believe God's Word and know that it is

TRUE. Jeremiah 1:12 (*Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well for I am ready to perform My word*.") says God watches over His word to perform it, and Isaiah 55:11 (*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void.*) says His Word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish what it is sent to do. Knowing this, we can pray the Word about a situation and expect God-kind of results. The person we pray for has a free choice whether to accept what God has for them, and, by praying the Word on their behalf, we give them the benefit of choosing either life or death, blessing or cursing, going God's Way or their own way (Deuteronomy 30:19-*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live…*) As we confess His Word, believe it, read it, speak it, and act on it, we begin to merge with it, and it becomes our way of life. As we live the Word, His strength, His ability, His peace, His love, His joy, His confidence, and His faith become ours. As we pray His Word, the weary ones, the weak ones, the deceived ones, the sick ones will be ministered to, protected by and brought gently to our Good Shepherd."

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Father, I thank You, in Jesus Name, that Your Word works all the time and in all situations. I thank You that it works whether it is rainy, warm, cold or clear. I thank You the Word works whether my circumstances look any different or not. I thank You it is powerful and able to cut away and destroy tradition, man's questionings, doubts, fears,

*diseases, unbelief and anxieties (Hebrews 4:12). I thank You it works regardless of what people may say against it (Romans 3:3). I thank You that I can count on it to cleanse my heart, to renew my mind and to heal my body (John 17:17). I thank You it will keep me from falling and will cause me to be stable and upright (Psalm 119:133). I thank You it will cleanse me from wrong attitudes and cause me to put off anger and bitterness and strivings (Ephesians 4:20-32). I thank You it gives me sound counsel, advice, and direction (Psalm 33:11, Isaiah 11:1-2, Jeremiah 32:19, Hebrews 6:17). I thank You Your Word delivers and quickens and cause me to live (Psalm 119:116, 154, 170, Luke 4:14). I thank You that Your Word works to perfect Your love in me (1st John 2:5). I thank You that Your Word purifies my food (1st Timothy 4:5) and keeps me from contamination (Mark 16:18). I thank You Your Word is not bound but is limitless in its power and ability (2nd Timothy 2:9). I thank You that Your Word stands forever (Isaiah 40:8). I thank You that You back it, watch over it and perform it (Isaiah 55:11, Jeremiah 1:12, Matthew 24:35). I thank You that You uphold all things by the Word of Your Power (Hebrews 1:3). I thank You that You are strong to execute Your Word (Joel 2:11). I thank You that Jesus, the Word, is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). I think You that Your Word lights my path and keeps my steps fixed in the right way (Psalm 119:105). I thank You that Your Word causes me to prosper and to be in health (3rd John 2). I thank You that my testimony is that I overcome because Jesus is Lord and Your Word works (Revelation 12:*11).

Finis Dake list 12 symbols of the Word of God in scripture:

1. **A hammer to convict:** Jeremiah 23:29-"*Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"*
2. **A fire to refine:** (also Jeremiah 23:29 above)
3. **A mirror to reflect:** James 1:23-*For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror…*
4. **Seed to multiply:** 1st Peter 1:23-*…having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.*
5. **A laver to cleanse:** Ephesians 5:26-*…that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the word.*
6. **A lamp to guide:** Psalm 119:105-*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*
7. **Rain and snow to refresh:** Isaiah 55:10-11: *For as the rain comes down and the snow from heaven and do not return there but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void.*
8. **A sword to cut:** Hebrews 4:12-*For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* Ephesians 6:17-*And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

9. **A bow for revenge:** Habakkuk 3:9: *Your bow was made quite ready; oaths were sworn over Your arrows. Selah.*
10. **Gold to enrich:** Psalm 19:7-10: *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More desire are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*
11. **Power to create faith and eternal life:** Romans 10:17-*So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.* 1st Peter 1:23: *...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.*
12. **Food to nourish-**
    a. **Milk for babes:** 1st Peter 2:2-*…as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby.*
    b. **Bread for the hungry:** Matthew 4:4-*But He answered and said,* ***"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"***
    c. **Meat for men:** Hebrews 5:12-14: *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk*

and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the Word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

d. Honey for dessert: Psalm 19:10-*More to be desired are they than gold. Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

In the New Testament there are primarily two different words that are translated "Word":

1. **Logos:** The Logos is the whole Bible, the whole written revelation of God, the knowledge of God. It never changes and is the same for all eternity. The Logos gives instructions for righteous living for every person who has ever lived, is living, or ever will live.
2. **Rhema:** Rhema is a personal word from the Word to a specific person for that specific time. It is a word of knowledge from the knowledge of God. It is an individual scripture or passage of scripture, and Rhema is what the Lord uses to reveal and relate to individual people.

<u>Some Logos scriptures:</u>

John 1:1: *In the beginning was the Word* [Logos]*, and the Word* [Logos] *was with God, and the Word* [Logos] *was God.*

Acts 4:4: *However, many of those who heard the Word* [the Logos] *believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

2nd Timothy 3:16: *All Scripture* [Logos] *is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

James 1:22: *But be doers of the Word* [Logos] *and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

Some Rhema scriptures:

Matthew 4:4: *But He answered and said,* ***"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word*** [Rhema] ***that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"***

Mark 14:72: *A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word* [the Rhema] *that Jesus had said to him,* ***"Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."*** *And when he thought about it, he wept.*

Acts 10:36-37: *The Word* [Logos] *which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ-He is Lord of all-that word* [Rhema] *you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached….*

Ephesians 6:25-26: *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word* [the Rhema].

I have received Rhema words through prophecy, through dreams, through Bible reading, and through that inner witness of the Holy Spirit speaking to my spirit. Sometimes they came to pass immediately, but most of the time, they were years in being fulfilled. These special words from the Father should never take the place of reading the Logos, but they are a great encouragement, which when received by faith, help us continue in the battle.

Special Word Scriptures

1. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses (all but a couple refer directly to the Word of God or Torah). Verse 9 tells us that the Word cleanses us. (This is typed by the brazen laver filled with water with which the priest washed himself in the Old Testament Tabernacle). Verse 24 tells us that the Word is our counselor. Verse 105 tells us that the Word is our guide. Verse 165 tells us that the Word gives us peace.
2. Psalm 107:20-*He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from all their destructions.*
3. Mark 4 (This parable is repeated in Luke 8)-*And he began again to teach by the seaside; and there was gathered unto Him a great multitude, so that He entered into a boat and sat on the sea, and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And He taught them many things by parables and said unto them in His doctrine, Hearken: Behold, there went out a sower to sow. And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth, and immediately it sprang up*

because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased and brought forth some thirtyfold and some sixty and some an hundred. And He said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And when He was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of Him the parable. And He said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but unto those who are outside all these things are done in parables, that seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand, lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. And He said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how, then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown, but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they in the manner that are sown on stony ground, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness, and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time; afterwards, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they that are sown among the thorns, such as hear the word. And the cares of this age and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it

becometh unfruitful. And these are they that are sown on good ground; such as hear the word and receive it and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty and some an hundred.

4. John 1:1-*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
5. Ephesians 6:17-*…the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

JESUS CHRIST-The Incarnate Word

In Genesis He is the Seed of the Woman.
In Exodus He is the Passover Lamb.
In Leviticus He is our High Priest.
In Numbers He is the Pillar of Cloud by Day and the Pillar of Fire by Night.
In Deuteronomy He is the Prophet like unto Moses.
In Joshua He is the Captain of our Salvation.
In Judges He is our Judge and Lawgiver.
In Ruth He is our Kinsman Redeemer.
In 1st and 2nd Samuel He is our Trusted Prophet.
In Kings and Chronicles He is our Reigning King.
In Ezra He is our Faithful Scribe.
In Nehemiah He is the Rebuilder of the Broken Down Wall of human life.
In Esther He is our Mordecai.
In Job He is our Dayspring from on High and our Ever-living Redeemer.
In Psalms He is the Lord our Shepherd.
In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes He is our Wisdom.
In the Song of Solomon He is the Lover and the

Bridegroom.
In Isaiah he is the Prince of Peace.
In Jeremiah He is the Righteous Branch.
In Lamentations He is the Weeping Prophet.
In Ezekiel He is the Wonderful Four-Faced Man.
In Daniel He is the Fourth Man in the Burning Fiery Furnace.
In Hosea He is the Faithful Husband, forever married to the backslider.
In Joel He is the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost and Fire.
In Amos He is our Burden Bearer.
In Obadiah He is the Mighty to Save.
In Jonah He is our Great Foreign Missionary.
In Micah He is the Messenger of Beautiful Feet carrying the Gospel.
In Nahum He is the Avenger of God's Elect.
In Habakkuk He is God's Evangelist, crying, "Revive thy work in the midst of the years."
In Zephaniah He is our Savior.
In Haggai He is the Restorer of God's Lost Heritage.
In Zechariah He is the Fountain of Cleansing Opened in the House of David for sin and uncleanness.
In Malachi he is the Sun of Righteousness, rising with healing in His wings.
In Matthew he is the Messiah.
In Mark He is the Wonder-worker.
In Luke He is the Son of Man.
In John He is the Son of God.
In Acts He is the Holy Spirit.
In Romans He is the Justifier.
In Corinthians He is the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In Galatians He is the Redeemer from the Curse of the Law.
In Ephesians He is the Christ of Unsearchable Riches.
In Philippians He is the God Who Supplies All Our Needs.
In Colossians He is the fullness of the Godhead Bodily.
In 1st and 2nd Thessalonians He is our Soon-coming King.
In 1st and 2nd Timothy He is our Mediator between God and Man.
In Titus He is our Faithful Pastor.
In Philemon He is a Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother.
In Hebrews He is the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant.
In James He is the Great Physician.
In 1st and 2nd Peter he is the Chief Shepherd who soon shall appear with a crown of unfading Glory.
In 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John he is Everlasting Love.
In Jude He is the Lord coming with Ten Thousands of His Saints.
In Revelation He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Word Confessions
Pat Carver

Since God so loved the World that He gave His only Son, Jesus, and I have believed in Him and made Him my Lord (John 3:16, Romans 10:8-10), I am a new creature, old things have passed away, all things are new, and I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2nd Corinthians 5:17-21). I have been delivered from the authority and power of darkness (sickness, disease, worry, sadness, doubt, fear, loneliness, despair, rejection) and translated into the Kingdom of His Dear Son (Colossians 1:13). I am blessed with all spiritual

blessings (Ephesians 1:13). There is no condemnation and I am free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1-2). I am more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37). I am healed and whole (1st Peter 2:24). I reign in life by Christ Jesus (Romans 5:17). I am complete in Him (Colossians 2:0-10).