

Words
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"Words are sacred. They deserve respect. If you get the right ones, in the right order, you can nudge the world a little." -Tom Stoppard

What's your reaction to reading that? For me, I think of the words I'd like to have back. Words that didn't build up, words shared in moments of frustration or anxiety, words that put undue pressure on others. Ugh, I'd like to have some of those words back.

Can you identify?

In the quote above, Tom Stoppard, the British playwright and screenwriter, is right - our words are sacred. They are powerful. It's one of the primary means by which we communicate with others, and within them lies the capacity to do SO MUCH GOOD!

This is echoed in the Bible. Check it out: "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing... this should not be" (James 3:9-10).

Thankfully, our words are not the final words. Jesus speaks words, too, and much more powerful words than our own. His words have the power to forgive, make alive, and give eternal life. His words of grace cover my words.

Now, living in His love, I speak. Hopefully, and by the power of the Spirit within me, my words are "the right ones, in the right order, that can nudge the world a little" (Stoppard).