

## **WORDS BY HAWK NELSON**

They've made me feel like a prisoner

They've made me feel set free

They've made me feel like a criminal

Made me feel like a king

They've lifted my heart

To places I'd never been

And they've dragged me down

Back to where I began

CHORUS

Words can build you up

Words can break you down

Start a fire in your heart or

Put it out

Let my words be life

Let my words be truth

I don't wanna say a word

Unless it points the world back to you

You can heal the heartache

Speak over the fear

(Speak over the fear)

God, your voice is the only thing

We need to hear

(We need to hear)

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(Back to you)

Let the words I say

(Let the words I say)

Be the sound of your grace

(Sound like your grace)

I don't wanna say a word

Unless it points the world back to you

I wanna speak your love

Not just another noise

Oh, I wanna be your light

I wanna be your voice

CHORUS

What words of the song speak to you the most?

Read the following verses and list the facts about words under the appropriate heading

Proverbs 11:9, 12, 17; 12:18; 15:1, 4; 16:24; 18: 4, 20, 21; 20:15; 25:18

**Positive things words do**

**Negative things words do**

The Power of Words- How would you describe the power of the words we use?

How does the world use words today? Romans 12:2

The Sins of the Tongue- In Exodus 20, what are the two commandments that speak specifically about the tongue?

Words Reveal the Condition of the Heart (the heart-mouth connection)- Matthew ; 12:34; 15:18-19

The importance of God's Word(s): Matt 4:4; Colossians 3:16; Psalms 119: esp 105 - how important is God's words to you?

Taming the Tongue- James 3:5-12; Psalms 141:3; Ephesians 5:4; Proverbs 11:13

We tend to use words negatively on the people we love the most. Who in your life could benefit from a change in how you talk to them? Pray for a change in your heart to speak with love to them.

Challenge: Use your words wisely this week. Be CONSCIOUS of what you say. Use this space to list how your words built someone up, started a good fire in someone, edified God. And note the reaction to your words. You could also use this space for any negative words and how you can work to improve your words the next time the situation arises.