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Weekly Devotional

WEEK FIFTEEN -

Call Her Eve

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Genesis 3:20 (NKJV)

This week once again, we would like to address just the men. As the head of the household, you have the awesome privilege to be the *prophet* of your own home as well. This means that you can speak into the situations of your home, and into the lives of your household with great authority, but with that authority also comes great responsibility. There is power in your words.... all of them, good or bad. Proverbs 4:17 gives us the warning that life *and* death are in the power of the tongue. This means that whether you are guarding the words of your mouth and being deliberate and cautious with them, or letting them fly freely without reservation or consideration, you are releasing what you say into the atmosphere to *produce* what you have spoken. Ouch, Hallelujah!

In looking way back to the beginning to Adam and Eve in the Garden, we will find that Adam had named Eve, Woman *before* she was named Eve. *And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."* Genesis 2:23 (NKJV)

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As we unpack it a little further, we see that her name was changed to Eve after the fall. (See Gen. 3:20) What you might ask what does this have to do with our subject matter of words? I'm so glad you asked.

You see, everything was perfect before the fall. They enjoyed a perfect marriage and perfect circumstances up to that point, but everything changed after the fall. Where they had never argued before, they were now blaming each other, and strife and conflict entered in. The beauty of it comes in the picture of her new name. Eve had made the greatest mistake of all mankind, when she listened to the serpent and partook of the forbidden fruit and gave it also to her husband who was with her. Every person who ever has or will ever walk the face of the Earth will be affected by her error. Here's the beauty. Instead of Adam calling her names and allowing the error to continue to affect them, he instead called her name Eve, mother of all living. He spoke life over her instead of death.

Too often, when we see the mistakes of others, we speak out what we see, and say things that align with the problem instead. Things like...You always have to blow it. You never get anything right. Now we're done for, and it's all your fault. You see, by speaking a blessing in the face of great turmoil, both Adam and his wife were able move *past* the problem and go on to live out their lives and fulfill their destiny.

As the prophet of your own home, you have the authority to speak life in situations where all you see is chaos. You can choose words that will produce a very different outcome if you will choose them with purpose and intention. What a very different picture we would have if Adam chose harsh words instead of life.

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So, no matter the situation, no matter how bleak it may appear, choose to speak words of life over your wife and your family. Call those things that be not as though they were. Choosing words of life, can turn a bad situation around to be a blessing in disguise.

(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

Romans 4:17 (NKJV)