

RESET My Voice—Good News for Bad Times

Psalm 71

RESET Part 3 of 4

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Proverbs 18:21 / Psalm 71:15–16

**STAGE 1: A RESET VOICE _____
WITH A RESET MESSAGE.**

**STAGE 2: A RESET VOICE _____
EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD.**

Why is it eternally important to speak up?

1. Because someone else's hope might depend on it.
2. Because your words might be the only gospel they hear.
3. Because speaking strengthens your own faith.

**STAGE 3: A RESET VOICE _____
ON GOD'S STRENGTH.**

Psalm 71:16

Your confidence to speak was never meant to rest in your strength,
but in God's power.

Exodus 4:10-12

Practical steps to depend on God's strength when speaking to others.

1. Pray before you speak.
2. Anchor your words in Scripture.
3. Let your weakness point to His strength.
4. Ask others to help.

It's not about what I can do. It's about what God can do through me.

Weekly Application Step:

Practice the "sentence testimony." Write one sentence that starts with: "This week I saw God..." or "God has been teaching me..." Pray that God allows you to share it and be ready to share it in casual conversation.

Questions for Further Study

1. Read Proverbs 18:21. What are some examples from your own life where words brought life? What about where they brought harm?
 - Why do you think speaking life-giving words feels easier in good times than in bad times?
2. Psalm 71:15 says, “My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds...” What would it look like for your daily conversations to be more anchored in God’s truth than in your frustrations?
3. The Psalmist says, “...though I know not how to relate them all.” How does this verse encourage you when you feel you “don’t know enough” to speak up for God?
4. Read Acts 1:8. How does the role of a “witness” in Scripture change your perspective on sharing your faith?
5. Read Psalm 71:16 and Exodus 4:10–12. What do these passages teach about where our speaking confidence should come from?