

**The Foundational Text:** “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but what is helpful for building others up according to the needs that it may benefit those who listen.”-Ephesians 4:29

**I. The Architect Inventory: Words as Construction Materials**

In the same way we audit our budget, we must audit our vocabulary. Words are bricks of the spirit.

- **The Rubble:** Gossip, slander and static (complaining). These materials are structurally unsound and cause the community to collapse.
- **The Rebar:** Encouragement, truth and salty speech. These strengthen the frame of our mission and provide support for the wider community and current members.

**II. The Covenant of Salt in Conversation**

- **Colossians 4:6:** “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”
- **The Lesson:** Salt preserves. Does your speech preserve the dignity of your brothers and sisters or does it cause them to wither? As we enter the 38106 and 38126 neighborhoods, we must speak of restoration over the blight we see.

**III. The Deficit Hawk of the Tongue**

- **The Audit:** James 3 tells us the tongue is a small rudder that steers a giant ship.
- **The Strategy:** A leader with intellectual integrity does not waste words. Every sentence should have a ROI (Return on Investment). If a word does not add value to the blueprint, it is a deficit and we need to cut it off.

**IV. Discussion Questions for the 13,400 Members**

1. **The Infrastructure Check:** Looking back at our Michigan exit, did our words build up the pioneers or did we add to the static of the delay?
2. **The Memphis Mandate:** How can we use our words to convince the Memphis City Council that we are partners in their 3.0 Plan?
3. **The Preservation Test:** Before you speak ask: Is this word salt? Will it preserve this person hope or will it corrupt it?

**The Senior Pastor and Bishop Closing Charge**

We are relocating to a city that has heard enough empty promises. Memphis does not need more noise. The city needs the sound of hammers and the sound of healing. From this day forward, let our words be as solid as the 26,600 square foot sanctuary we are destined to inhabit. Build the wall with your hands, and build the soul with your speech.

**The Transparent Audit**

Your Stewardship at Work: This week offerings are being allocated to the 38106 Restoration Fund to secure our church sanctuary and administrative office in Memphis during winter storm fern. Business Cash App: \$ljccbc

## THE WEEKLY AFFIRMATION: INTEGRITY IN THE MOUTH

Legacy Blueprint Bible Study | Week 1: Memphis Arrival

**The Anchor Text:** “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”-Colossians 4:6

### **The Affirmation (To be spoken aloud daily at 8:00 AM):**

“I am a Director of my words and a steward of my speech. Today, my tongue is not a weapon of destruction, but a tool of construction. I refuse to speak of the static of doubt or the rubble of gossip. My words are seasoned with salt. They preserve the vision. They melt the ice of conflict and they add value to 38106. I speak as one with authority because the Blueprint is in my mind and the truth is in my heart. I build up. I do not tear down. Memphis will hear my voice and recognize the restoration. Amen.”

### **The Director’s Daily Breakdown**

To keep members sharp, assign one salt attribute for them to affirm each day this week:

- **Monday (Preservation):** My words today will preserve the hope of someone who is ready to give up.
- **Tuesday (Value):** I will not speak worthless words. Every sentence I utter will have a high ROI for the mission.
- **Wednesday (Purity):** I am a deficit hawk of the mind, I cut out unwholesome talk before it touches my lips.
- **Thursday (Melting Ice):** My speech will be soft enough to melt hard hearts and open doors for the 26,600 square feet.
- **Friday (Fidelity):** I am a person of my Yes or my No. My integrity is my currency.

Cut this section out and tape it to your mirror. As we walk the streets of South Memphis, the world must see the Blueprint on our faces and hear the covenant in our voices.