

BUILDING A WINNING CULTURE

Part 2: Winning Words

MORE THAN JUST SAYING

- ❖ **Effective communication is based on understanding the significance of words**
 - ◆ Words are powerful
 - ◆ Words are seeds (containers)
 - ◆ Words are vital building blocks of a winning culture
- ❖ **Hold fast to right words (*Hebrews 10:22 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ People in a negative environment encouraged to hold on to expressing their hope

STRONG WORDS FROM A STRONG LADY

- ❖ **She had a great respect for God**
 - ◆ Built Elisha a room to honor God and His servant
- ❖ **God promised her a son (*2 Kings 4:16-27 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ Evidently had tried for years with no results - the goodness of God toward her
- ❖ **She held fast to her hope (her expectation of good)**
 - ◆ She put the situation in God's hands - putting the boy in Elisha's room was intentional
 - ◆ She did not pour out her frustrations and grief on the people around her
 - ◆ She did express herself to the one person who could help her - Elisha
- ❖ **She experienced a miracle - her son raised from the dead**

BUILDING A WINNING CULTURE WITH YOUR WORDS

- ❖ **Make a place for God in your life (*1 Timothy 4:8 NIV*)**
 - ◆ Not convenient or easy but valuable in two realms
 - ◆ This is more than just positive thinking or positive affirmations
- ❖ **Don't pour out your stress and frustrations on others**
 - ◆ Especially if they can fix the problem or help you stand strong
 - ◆ Venting is not nearly as helpful as it's proposed to be
- ❖ **Push past the awkwardness of speaking what you believe**
 - ◆ We have trained ourselves for years to speak...
 - ◆ You can train yourself to speak