

POWER WORDS

Part 2: But

THREE LETTERS WITH IMPACT

A. But...

1. A conjunction that negates everything that goes before it
2. Can be used to create a contrast
3. Yet - the story does not end here
4. On the other hand - indicates an alternative

B. But God... (*Psalm 3:1-3 NKJV*)

1. Not a denial of the problem but an alternative to the problem
2. Because of God's help the story does not end here

THREE BUTS WITH IMPACT

A. But we will serve the Lord (*Joshua 24:15 NIV*)

1. Joshua's last words to God's people
2. He was encouraging them to serve the living God
3. But showed Joshua had already chosen the alternative

B. But David found strength in the Lord (*1 Samuel 30:6 NIV*)

1. David was under an extreme amount of pressure
2. David faced the threat of physical harm
3. But showed David sourced strength in God when the pressure was still on

C. But with us is the Lord our God (*2 Chronicles 32:7-8 NIV*)

1. Hezekiah and his people were facing a formidable army
2. Hezekiah offered an alternative perspective
3. But showed that Hezekiah believed that God was with them and more powerful

THREE PHRASES YOU CAN ADD TO YOUR LIFE

A. But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord

1. Indicates a contrast with the world around you
2. This choice will impact your values and choices
3. But this choice is the best long term strategy for life (*1 Timothy 4:8 NIV*)

B. But God gives me strength

1. We live in an environment heavily influenced by fear and pressure
2. You can't escape from the pressure
3. But God can strengthen you on the inside (*Psalm 138:3 NKJV*)

C. But God is with me

1. The tangible challenges of life can loom large
2. There is another way of looking at life (*2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV*)
3. But on the other hand there is God