**Series: Aim to Please**

**Today: Have a Word?**

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***Psalm 19:14 (NLT)***

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

**Words are disproportionately and surprisingly powerful.**

***Proverbs 18:21***

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.*

**Our words reveal part of our heart.**

***Matthew 12:34-37***

*For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. 35A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. 36And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. 37The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”*

**A Believer T.H.I.N.K.S About Words.**

1. **Are they true?**

***Ephesians 4:25***

*So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.*

1. **Are they helpful?**

***Ephesians 4:29***

*Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.*

1. **Are they inspiring?**

***1 Thessalonians 5:11***

*So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.*

1. **Are they necessary?**

***James 1:19***

*Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.*

***Romans 14:22***

*You may believe there’s nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God.*

1. **Are they kind?**

***Proverbs 12:18***

*Some people make cutting remarks,
    but the words of the wise bring healing.*

***2 Timothy 2:24-25***

*24A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. 25Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people’s hearts, and they will learn the truth.*

1. **Are they Spirit led?**

***James 1:26***

*If you claim to be religious but don’t control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless*