

MARCH 2

**“YOUR SPEECH IS LIKE
NITROGLYCERIN. IT HAS THE
POWER TO BLOW UP A BRIDGE
OR HEAL A MAN’S HEART.”**

READ

Colossians 4:6, Matthew 12:34-37

My wife may be the best cook I've ever known. Yet she will call me, give me the spoon, and say, "Taste this and tell me what it needs." And I always say, "Salt!" It needs salt, that one little ingredient that makes it what it ought to be. Paul said to make sure your speech is seasoned with grace. Give people what they don't deserve, because you got what you don't deserve. Season conversation with salt, that ingredient that makes your conversation pleasurable. Remember salt preserves; salt heals. The reason we can pray more than we've ever prayed before, read, give, evangelize more, and yet not feel victorious, is that we have allowed our speech to rob us. The conversations we have with people are actually prayers, because God is present. He's the One to whom we are ultimately speaking. When what comes out of our mouths is poisonous and unkind, God is listening.

PRAY

Jesus, I refuse to accuse. I want to be an ambassador, Lord. I want others to see Your love in me. Forgive me for cursing, condemning and complaining. I want to serve You better. I want salt in my speech and grace in my living. Set a guard over my mouth.

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