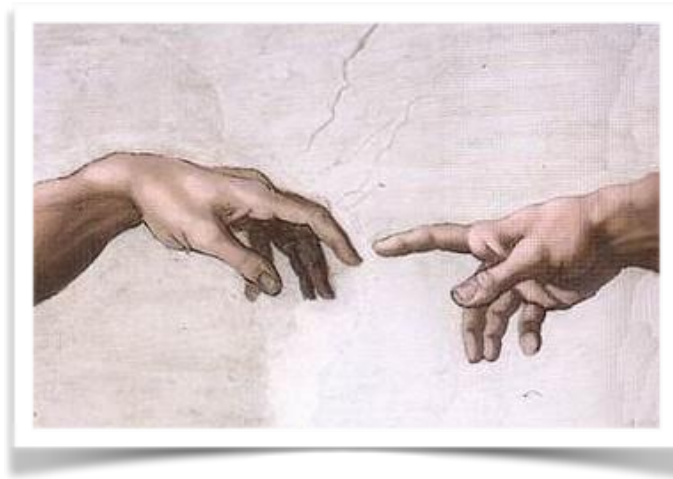


2025 5 15 Devotion

Logos



John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

The first part of John's gospel gives us a mysterious resonance, even though we do not fully understand it at all. The word grabs our soul and takes us into the timeless world. John is speaking that in the beginning there was the Word, which is in Greek Language *logos*, *the Word*. *The Word* has a very rich background for Jews and Greeks. The Greeks equates *logos* with the highest principle of cosmic order. God's Word in the Genesis creates powerfully who God is, reveals the glimpse of God through creation.

In the New Testament we have this new unique view of God given to us by John. God incarnated. God moves into our neighborhood, dwells among us. *Logos* is more accurately understood as a form of living "Message." Passion translation of the Bible translates *logos* as "Living Expression" of God. It interprets that Jesus Christ is the eternal Message, the creative Word, and the living Expression of God made visible. Just as we express ourselves in our words, God has perfectly expressed himself in Christ, Jesus is God's story. This is not an easy word to understand. But we can think one thing through this mysterious and profound word, that the creating word of God!

We are created in the image of God. We are created to be similar to our Father. As the Word of God created the universe with words, our words always create something powerful.

Let's take an example. If you ask someone, "Could you please bring me a cup of water?" It lets something happen. Someone will move and bring you a cup of water. If you speak a kind word, loving word, word of gratitude, you see the air around you both, or the heart of the person who is standing in front of you, changes. The entire energy surrounding you, changes. In that loving space, then the warmth of God wraps with the Spirit. If you send a cold glance of despise, or word of contempt, if you ignore somebody, it

chills the heart of the person who is standing in front of you. You are creating the energy of death. We are creators of positivity or negativity. We create our life and other people's lives with our word.

Word creates. Your words are powerful. It lets things happen. We tend to say negative words without any big intention or consciousness. But it creates what is spoken. How powerful! Change all the negative words to the positive. Speak words of kindness, encouragement, hope, and empathy. Don't say I'm dying! Don't say, nothing is going to be better. It creates what you say. Change it to the most beautiful, positive, hopeful word you can speak. Instead say, "I am learning patience!" "I am spiritually upgrading!" "God is creating something amazing through this pain!" "It will be wonderful!" "All will be well!" Your words will create what you have spoken, and what you desire.

We are so like God. God created with *word*. We create with words also. What do you want to create in your life? Speak, what you want, it will be created by the power of the word.

Grace and joy,

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