

ENCOUNTER



— SCHOOL OF MINISTRY —

Transformation through Declarations

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Class 7 - Session 1

Q1. Identity and Transformation

Declaration: A vocal decree of God's truth spoken in faith that changes reality.

“God’s words are “performative utterances” - they accomplish the very thing they describe. “

- *Pope Benedict XVI*

29 “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”

-Proverbs 18:21



29 “No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear.”

-Ephesians 4:29

3 “And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. 4 Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept, until they had no more strength to weep. 5 David’s two wives also had been taken captive, Ahin'o-am of Jezreel, *(cont.)*

and Ab'igail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. ⁶ And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, **because all the people were bitter in soul**, each for his sons and daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.**"

-1 Samuel 30:3-6

5 “Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within
me? Hope in God; for I shall again
praise him, my help and my God.”

-Psalm 42:5

1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. *(cont.)*

3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who
heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems
your life from destruction, who crowns
you with loving-kindness and tender
mercies, 5 who satisfies your mouth with
good things, so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's" -*Psalms 103:1-5*

1. Declarations have the power to strengthen us from weakness

10 “Let the weak say, “I am a strong.”
-*Joel 3:10*

13 “I can do all things in Christ who gives me strength.” -*Philippians 4:13*

2. Declarations can direct the course of our lives

4 “Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things.” -*James 3:4-5*

3. Declarations can confirm and seal our beliefs

9 “If you **confess with your lips** that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he **confesses with his lips** and so is saved.” -*Romans 10:9-10*

The more you declare in faith the truth of God's word, the more you'll come to believe that word.

4. Declarations are weapons that keep us From falling into performance mentality

4 “He said in reply, “It is written: ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’” -*Matthew 4:4*

Whenever we do anything to prove our identity, we have engaged the devil's trap and our works lack substance.

5. Declarations can unlock the promises of God for our lives

19 “For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we preached among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes. 20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God.” -2 Corinthians 1:19-20

Activation:

Spiritual Declarations - To create a habit of speaking declarations over ourselves as a is key to ongoing renewal

21 “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”

-Proverbs 18:21

- I am a son/daughter of God! (*Rom 8:15*)
- I am a temple of the Holy Spirit and I release God's presence to those around me (*1 Cor 3:16*)
- I am a royal priest, prophet, and king in Christ Jesus and extend the rule of the kingdom through my life (*CCC 783*)
- I don't have a spirit of fear, but one of power, love and a sound mind (*2 Tim 1:7*)
- My prayers are powerful and effective (*James 5:16*)

- I have access to all the resources of heaven
(Luke 15:31)
- God abundantly supplies all my needs
(Philippians 4:19)
- I am dead to sin and living for God in Christ
Jesus *(Romans 6:11)*
- I live under supernatural protection *(Psalm 91)*
- I consistently bring powerful encounters to
other people *(Mark 16:17-18)*

Homework

1. **Journal:** Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire in you 10 declarations that you need to confirm your identity and direct your life in this season. Be sure to record these as a list that you can refer to in prayer. Bring the list with you to class and be ready to share them with a group!
2. **Suggested Reading:** See syllabus for reading plan for *Supernatural Saints*