



Week 2 – Unlocking the potential of our message

Words can be powerful things. Much of our perception of reality is not so much shaped by actual events and circumstances, but the things that we are told about them. “It doesn’t have to be this way” sheds a very different light on things to “It’s just how it is”.

Prophets were agitators who were not prepared to simply accept the status quo. When people were in despair, they spoke words of hope; when the nation was complacent and unjust, they spoke in condemnation; when falsehood and lies prevailed, they refused to stay silent. But their words were not simply a response to circumstances; they spoke as the mouthpiece of God, defining reality in the light of God’s word.

God has spoken a message of hope. God’s word has been made flesh in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. When we truly speak God’s message, we are not simply offering an opinion or communicating some vague optimism, we are echoing truths and realities that prevail beyond any immediate circumstance. God’s word has power beyond measure – it is within our grasp to declare it and unleash its potential.

**We light this flame as those to whom God has spoken
With lives touched by Word made Flesh in Jesus
Believing that God’s word still sheds its light
On the chaos and concerns of human circumstances**

**Its light is kindled in our world where many voices
Each clamour to be heard above the noise of worldly aspiration
Seeking to silence any who might dare to contradict
Their narratives of division, falsehood and misrepresentation**

**We hear the voices of the prophets
Echo their message of truth in every generation
Declaring God’s comfort to those who despair
And challenge to those who believe this world to be their own**

**We who believe God's word still speaks
Light this flame to declare our readiness to listen
Seeking peace through knowing that in the deepest despair
Echoes of grace and hope can be at their most profound.**

