

The Words of Our Father
The Dog Days of Summer
August 3, 2025

- Theme: One of the primary ways our influence over a person's life is SHOWN or GIVEN is through the power of our words.
- Words have POWER - Proverbs 18:21
 - We tend to BECOME what the most influential people in our lives SAY we will become
 - Develop AWARENESS of the words we say and receive because of their power
- Modeled by our Heavenly Father - Matthew 3:17 NIV, Matthew 17:5 NIV
 - Words of ACCEPTANCE - "You are my Son"
 - Words of AFFECTION - "Who I love"
 - Words of AFFIRMATION - "I am well pleased"
- Think before speaking
 - T - Is it TRUE?
 - H - Is it HELPFUL?
 - I - Is it INSPIRING?
 - N - Is it NECESSARY?
 - K - Is it KIND?
- Practical steps
 1. FIND a spiritual influence - Psalm 68:5-6
 2. BE a spiritual influence - Galatians 6:7
 3. Relate to God as FATHER - James 1:17-18 NLT, Romans 8:15-16 NLT