

Death Speaks

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Many of us have things that we are bearing deep within that we long to say to someone. We may not know how to communicate it because we want to be clear and have the right spirit. We may consider that at times we can speak through a voice that can be heard apart from the utterance of words.

It's the death of Jesus that speaks to us, even as the blood of Abel yet speaketh. Some conversations last only until the sound waves fade, but the death of the Lamb has flowed through all generations. His Cross speaks of a God Whose love yet lives for His death is still giving us Life. Daily He forgives our sins, removes our defilement, and fills us with New Life. He can touch us today not just because He lived, but because He died. He communicated unutterable depths of love by dying as a Lamb Who oftentimes would not open His mouth, choosing rather to silently lay down His life instead.

There are many things that we may want and need to say to people we care for. At times God may give us the words to express these things in the gentleness of His nature. Yet we must consider that there are other times when bearing in our bodies the dying of the Lord may be just the way to most deeply communicate the things that are in our hearts for others. Paul said, "*So then death worketh in us, but life in you*" (II Cor. 4:12). The cost may be higher than simply having a discussion, but if it brings forth an increase of Christ it is worth it!