

**THE OFFICIANT**  
**-Speaking Series-**  
**EP 2: 'YES IN THE STORM'**

Suggested Run Time: 4-min 50-sec  
 (Start 3:44 ~ End 8:34)

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**-IN THIS CLIP-**

Chaplain's friend/mentor, James, is a strong man and family provider who's now paralyzed, becomes understandably so spiritually as well, now believing suicide is his only choice left.

**JAMES 5:12**

**-Scripture Reference-**

Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear-not by heaven or by earth or by anything else.  
 All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

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**-BIG IDEA-**

**IDENTIFYING TRUE IDENTITY**

**POINT ONE:**

**GOD SPEAKING COMES DIRECTLY & DILIGENTLY**

**1A)** *James says it's time to die, despite it not being 'his time.'* He's lost all hope because he's lost all control. Does This Sound Familiar to you - or of those you know?

People are choosing to put their identity in *self-talents-effort*, not Christ...  
 Ultimately robbing themselves of joy on earth, through focusing on Eternity.

**1B)** *James believes he's being honest, and direct, claiming he knows better than God.*  
*His identity is in being a Protector & Provider, remove that & who is he to anyone?*

It becomes easy not to listen for, then hear, Father God when we do all the talking/thinking.  
 When our false 'identity' (self-talent-effort) is removed, we remove God from the conversation.

**APPLICATION:**

**WHERE DO YOU PLACE YOUR IDENTITY?**

Your schedule won't reveal it or define it.  
 But your intimacy and dialogue with God will.

**POINT TWO:****GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS PEOPLE**

**2A)** *Chaplain sees he's in a tough spot & asks/relies on God to make him tougher via Scripture '...no weapon formed against me shall stand.' Does this look like your approach?*

God's People are choosing to put their opportunity to serve in their own hands...  
Ultimately robbing the other party the opportunity to connect with His Spirit.

**2B)** *Chaplain asks James to use his last breaths for the benefit of others.  
Asking him to first Accept Grace, then Offer It.*

It's easy to look at circumstance, and ignore Grace, when the circumstance is pain.  
ABBA is directly truthful about Grace, which offers peace in the fire, and Eternal Joy.

**APPLICATION:****WHERE DO YOU PLACE YOUR IDENTITY?**

What does Grace look like to you?  
Are you being direct & truthful about Grace - to self, and others?

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**CONCLUSION:****What Does This Scene Look Like From The Holy Spirit's Perspective?****-GALATIANS 2:20**

*'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me...'*

The Holy Spirit will do the speaking *for* you in these, and all, situations.  
If you're James, remember, it's okay to be broken.  
If you're Chaplain, remember, it's vital not to do it on your own.

*'The Spirit Is Guiding You, Directly and Diligently...' -Mildred*

**APPLICATION:**

What Is Your Identity?  
Don't Wait Until It's Stripped Away To Find Out.

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*This Speaking Guide is formed with flexibility within each section, so the Speaker (you) may insert personal analogies and illustrations, to enhance the personal experience of your specific audience. Enjoy!*

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