

Sermon Series



# The Sermon On The Mount





“I know words. I have the best words.”

—

**Donald J. Trump**



Washington  
5:39 AM ET



**DEVELOPING THIS MORNING**

**CORKER: TRUMP WON'T TEAR UP IRAN DEAL**

'He should build international consensus Iran is violating deal'

LIVE

**CNN**

5:39 AM ET

MILITARY DRAFT, DIES AT 94 ► LAIRD SERVED AS DEFENSE SECY. IN PRES EARLY START





**Superlative Culture**



**Epic**



**Off the Chain**



**Off the Hook**



**Off the Hizzy**





**Killing it**



**Crushing it**



**Slaying it**



**OMG. Literally dying.**





**Mindblown**



**My ovaries just exploded**



**Lit**



**Fire**





**Straight Fire**



**Worst. Person. Ever**



**Best \_\_\_\_\_ of my life**



**Best \_\_\_\_\_ of my life (this week)**





**Amazeballs**

**“R.I.P. to the understatement. Welcome to death by Internet hyperbole, the latest example of the overly dramatic, forcibly emotive, truncated, simplistic and frequently absurd ways chosen to express emotion in the Internet age (or sometimes feign it).”**

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**Jessica Bennet**



**What do you mean when you use words?**



**Matthew 5:33-37**

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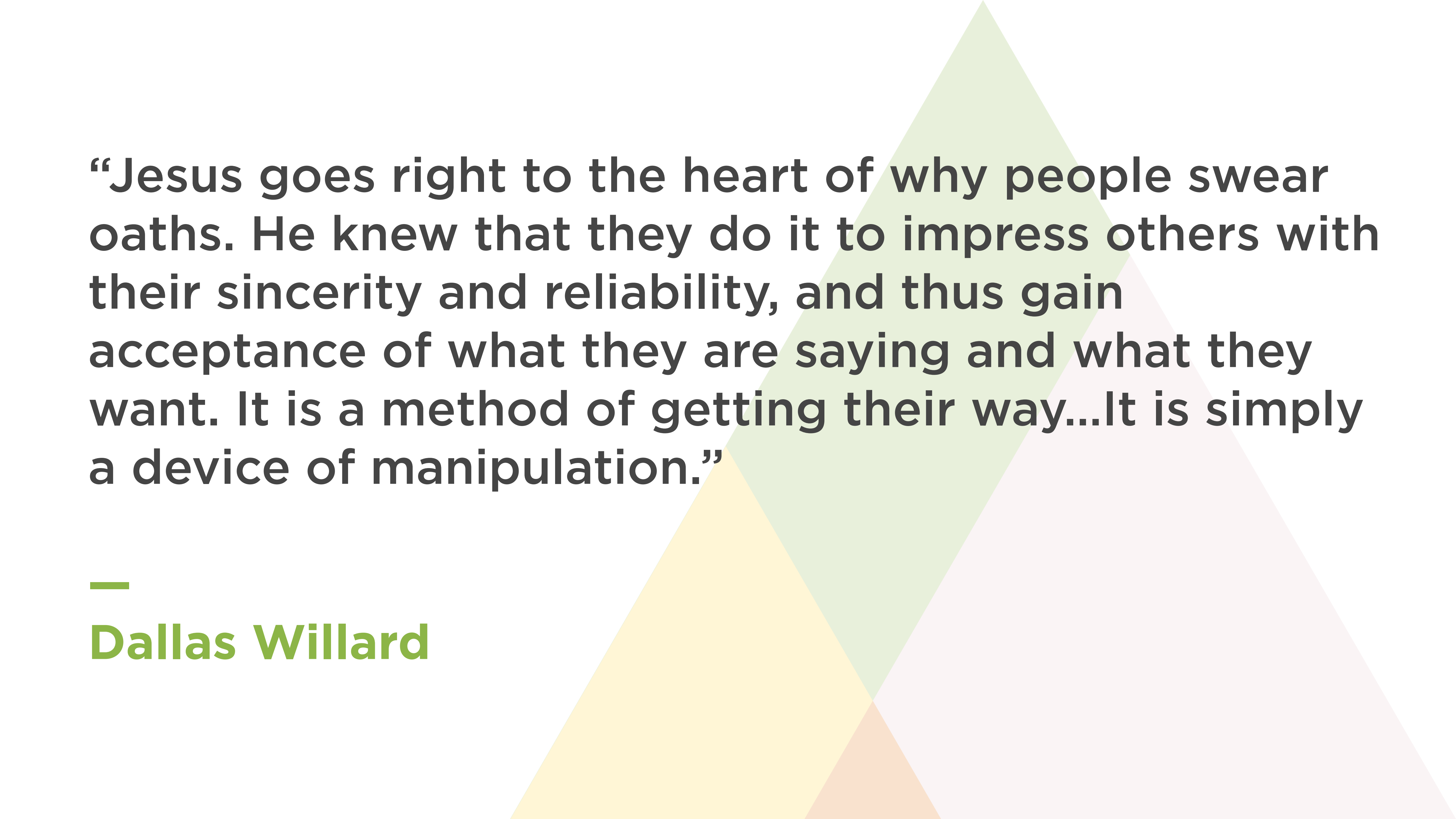
**Focus: “oaths/vows”**



**Focus: “no oath”**



**Focus: “yes/no”**



**“Jesus goes right to the heart of why people swear oaths. He knew that they do it to impress others with their sincerity and reliability, and thus gain acceptance of what they are saying and what they want. It is a method of getting their way...It is simply a device of manipulation.”**

**—  
Dallas Willard**




**God + Words**

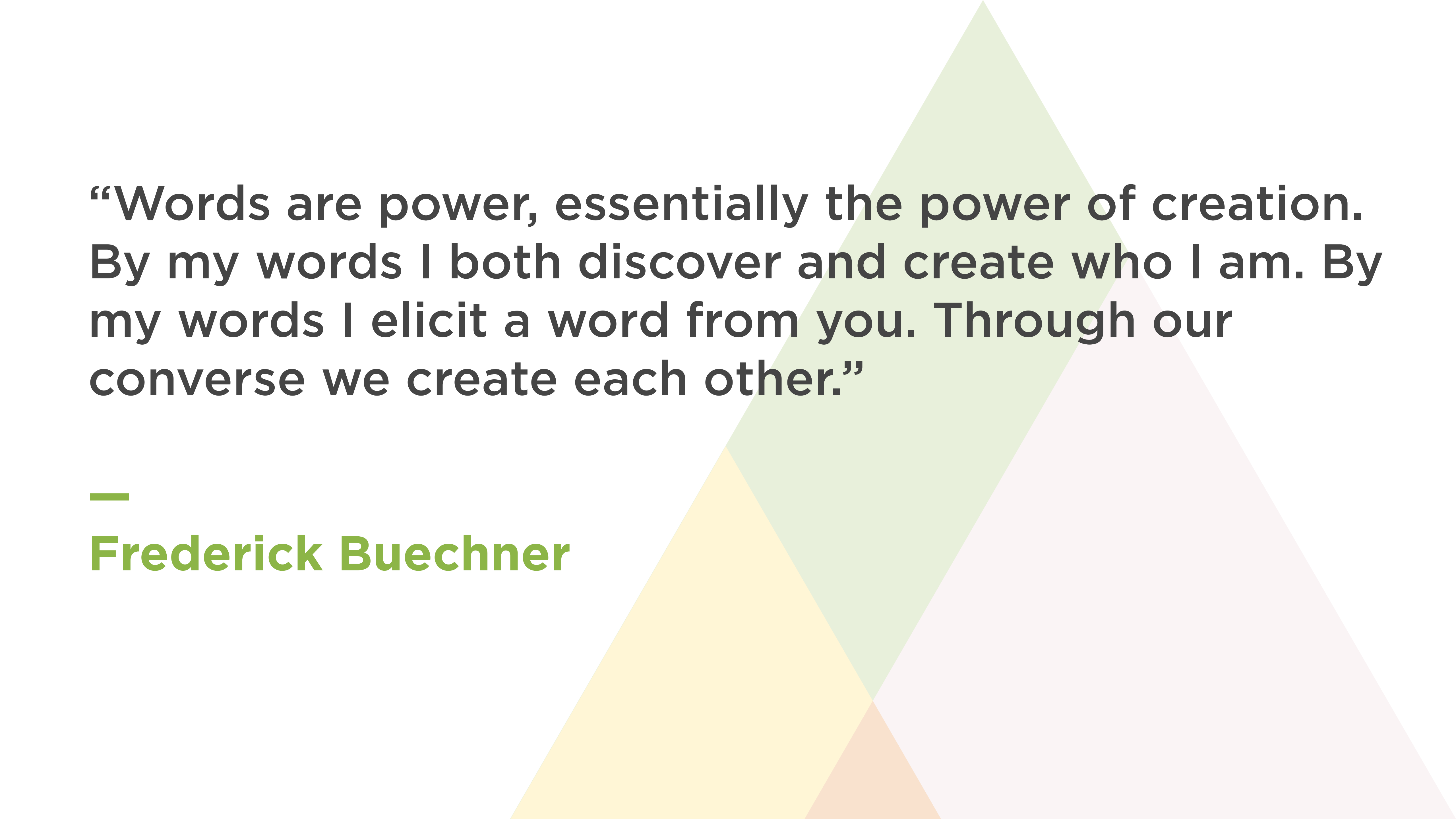


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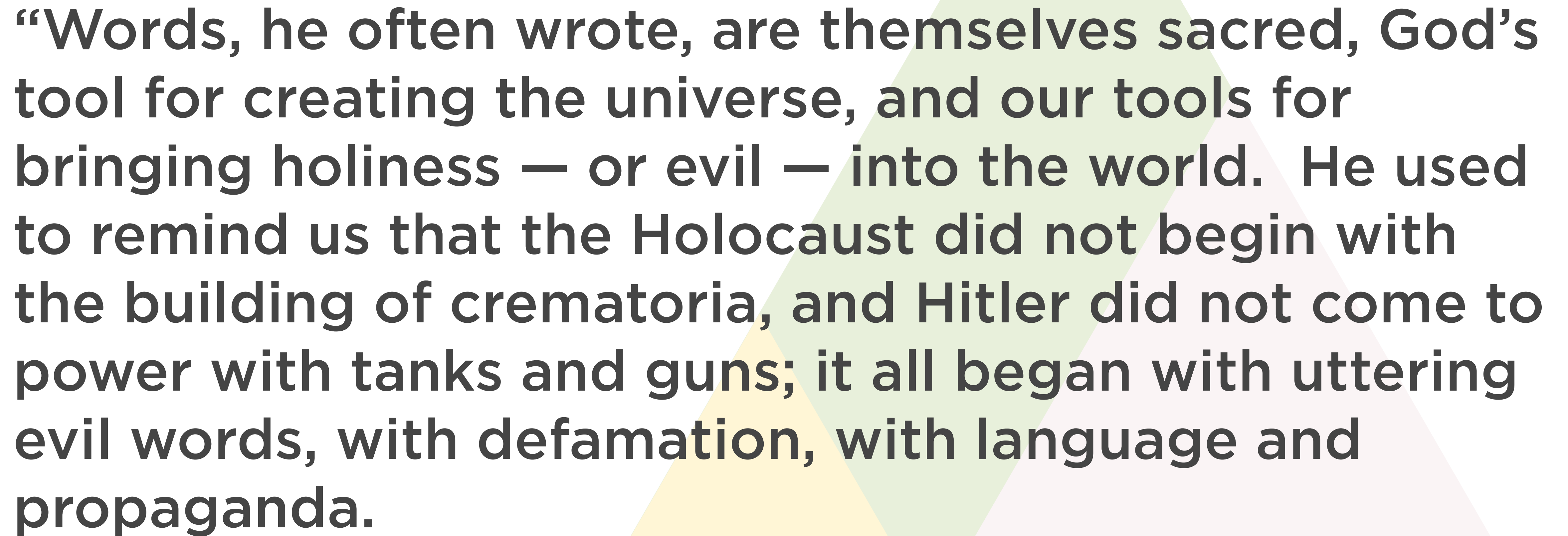
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word + deed



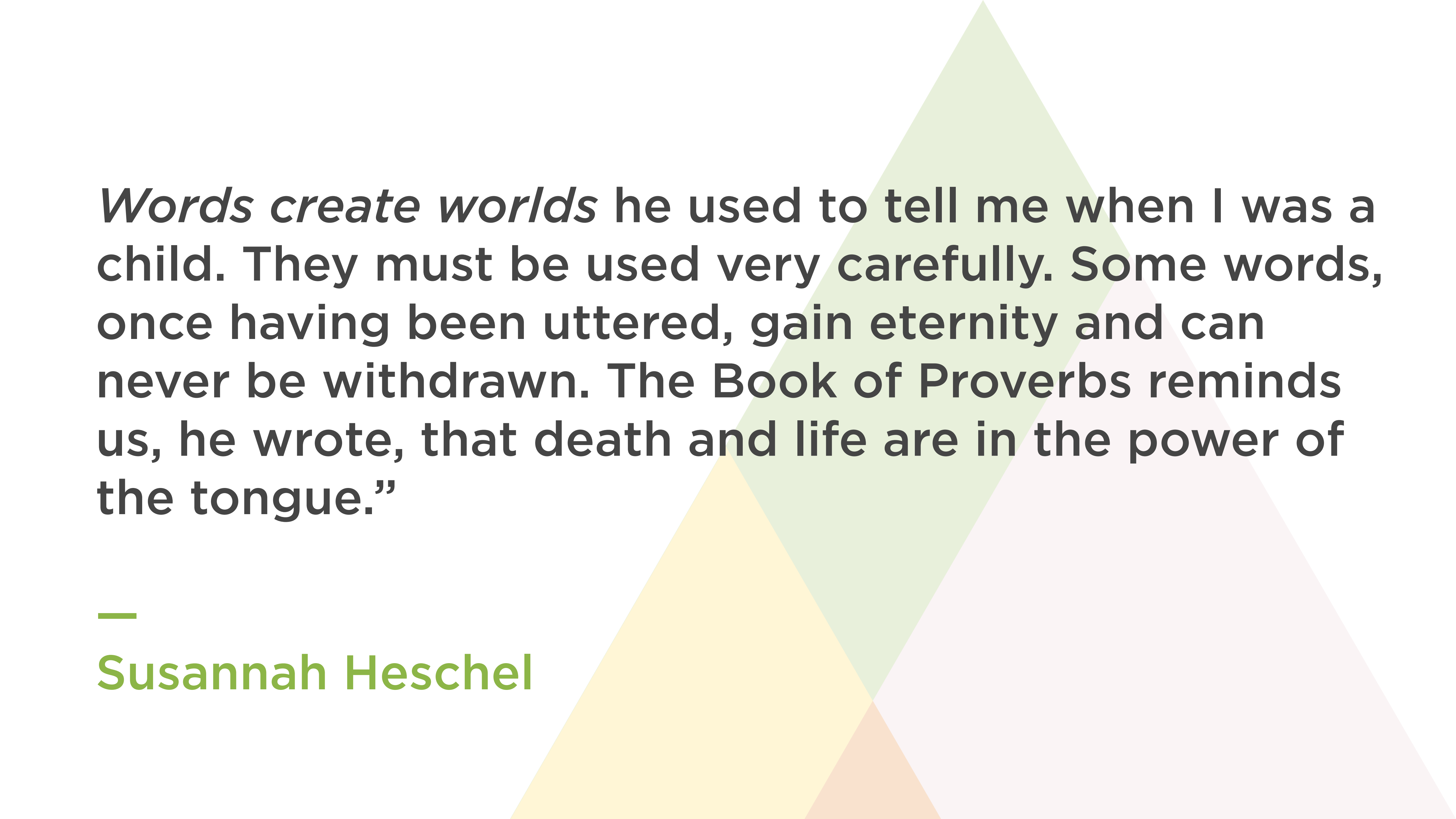
**“Words are power, essentially the power of creation. By my words I both discover and create who I am. By my words I elicit a word from you. Through our converse we create each other.”**

—

**Frederick Buechner**



**“Words, he often wrote, are themselves sacred, God’s tool for creating the universe, and our tools for bringing holiness — or evil — into the world. He used to remind us that the Holocaust did not begin with the building of crematoria, and Hitler did not come to power with tanks and guns; it all began with uttering evil words, with defamation, with language and propaganda.**



*Words create worlds* he used to tell me when I was a child. They must be used very carefully. Some words, once having been uttered, gain eternity and can never be withdrawn. The Book of Proverbs reminds us, he wrote, that death and life are in the power of the tongue.”

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Susannah Heschel



**God + Words**

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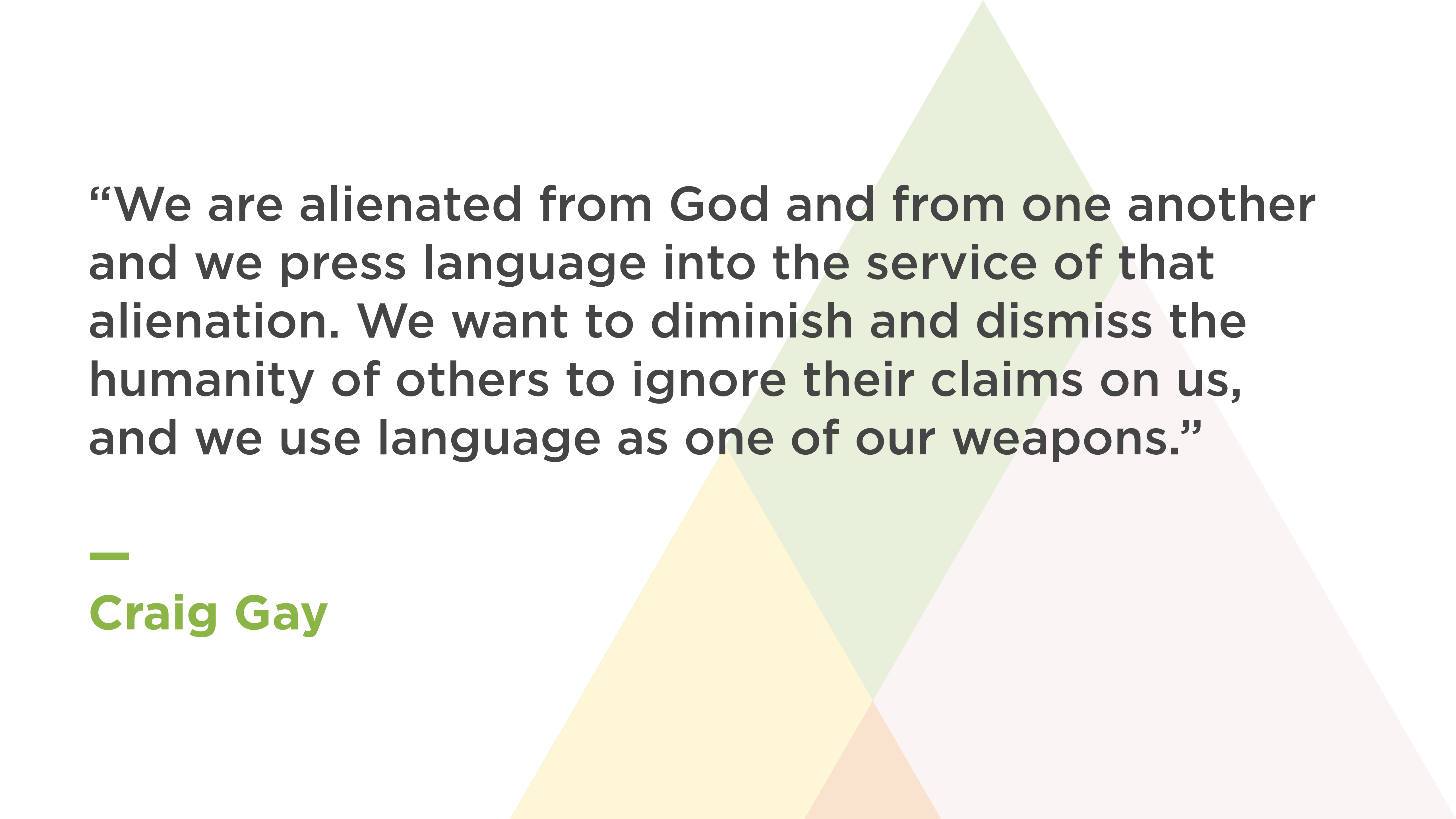
**creating**

**blessing**

**promising**




**Humans + Words**



**“We are alienated from God and from one another and we press language into the service of that alienation. We want to diminish and dismiss the humanity of others to ignore their claims on us, and we use language as one of our weapons.”**

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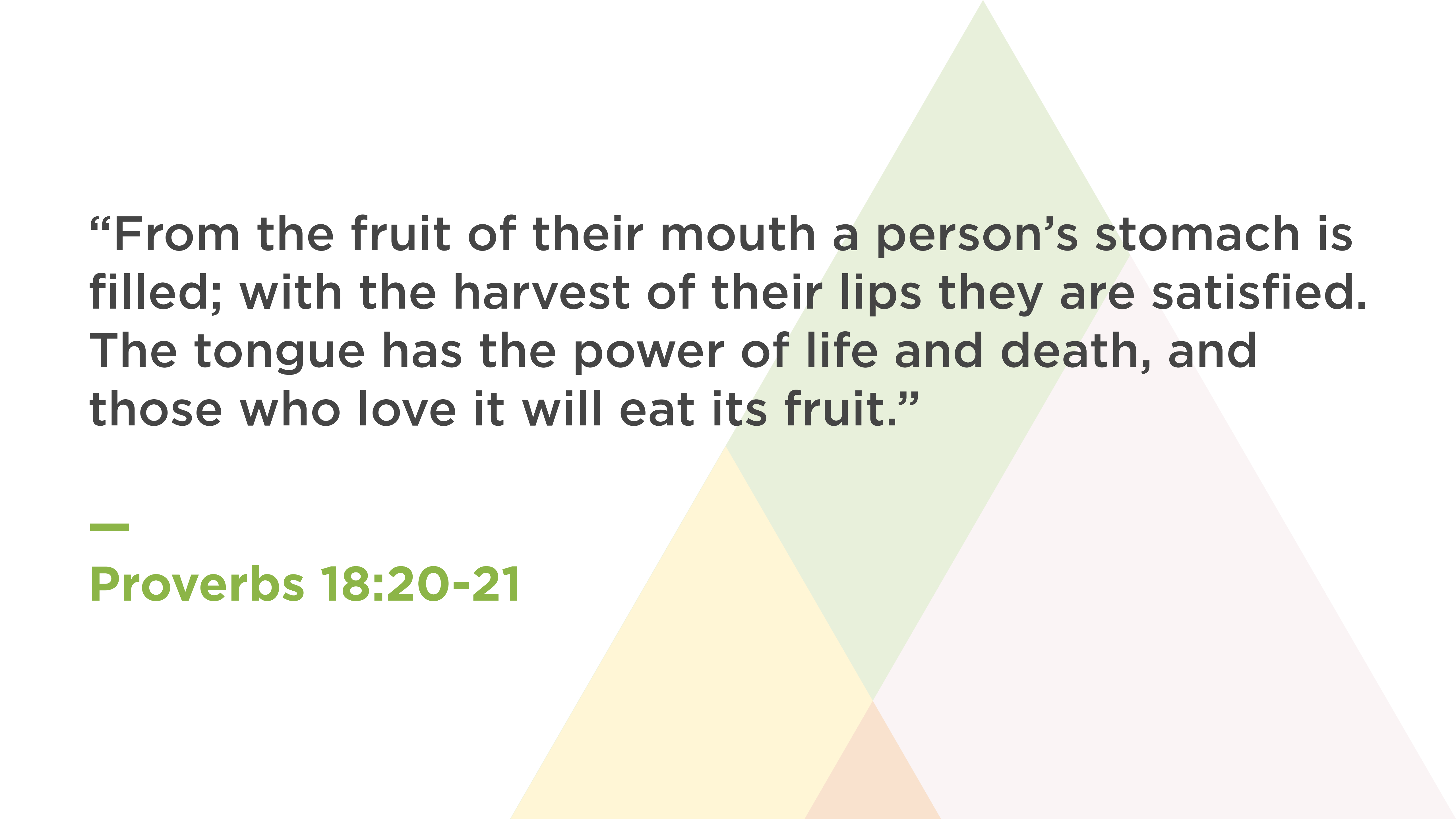
**Craig Gay**



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**creating  
blessing  
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**destroying  
cursing  
lying**

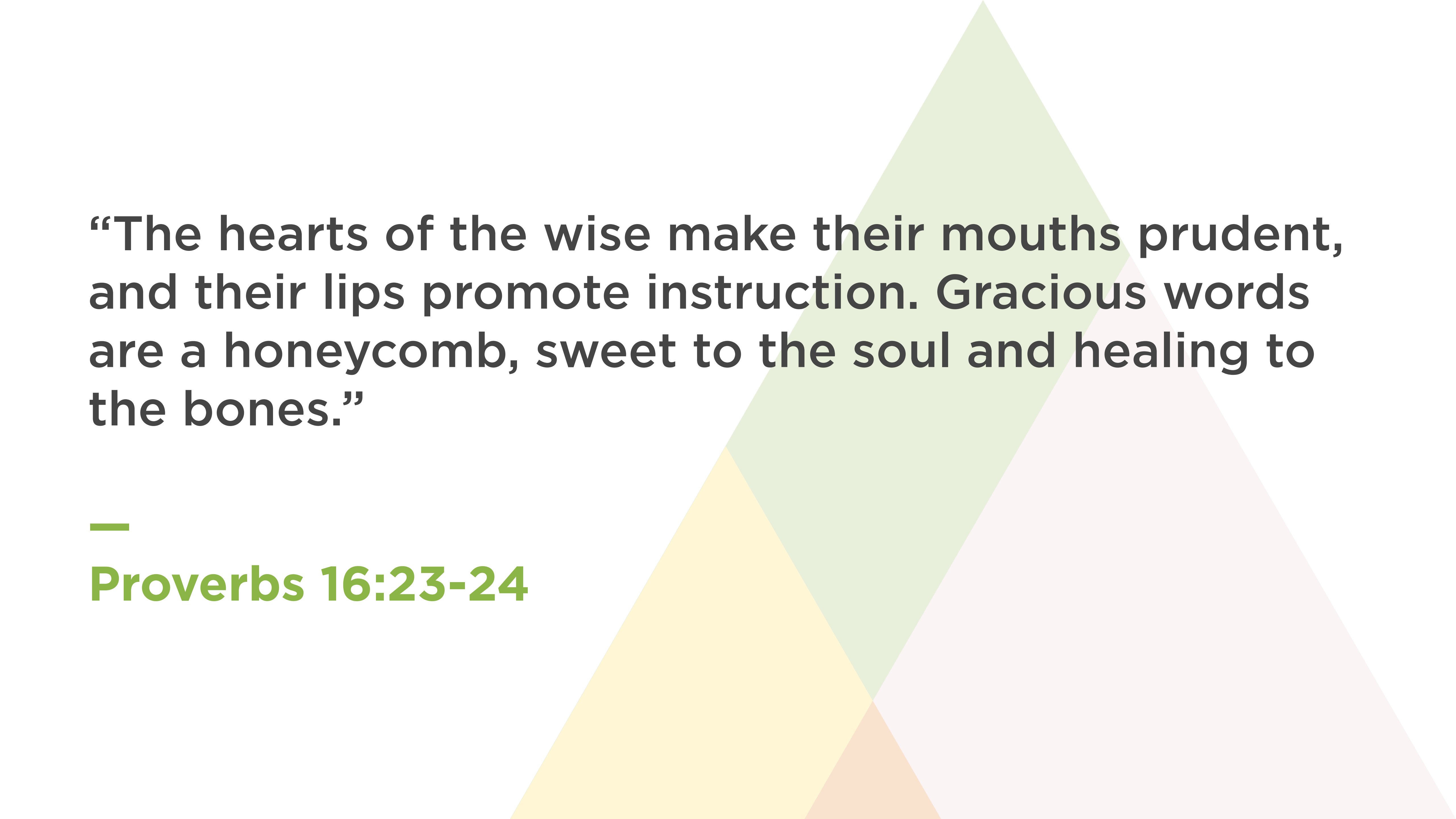




**“From the fruit of their mouth a person’s stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”**

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**Proverbs 18:20-21**



**“The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction. Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”**

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**Proverbs 16:23-24**



**Jesus + Words**




**Ephesians 4:15-16**

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**What do you mean when you use words?**

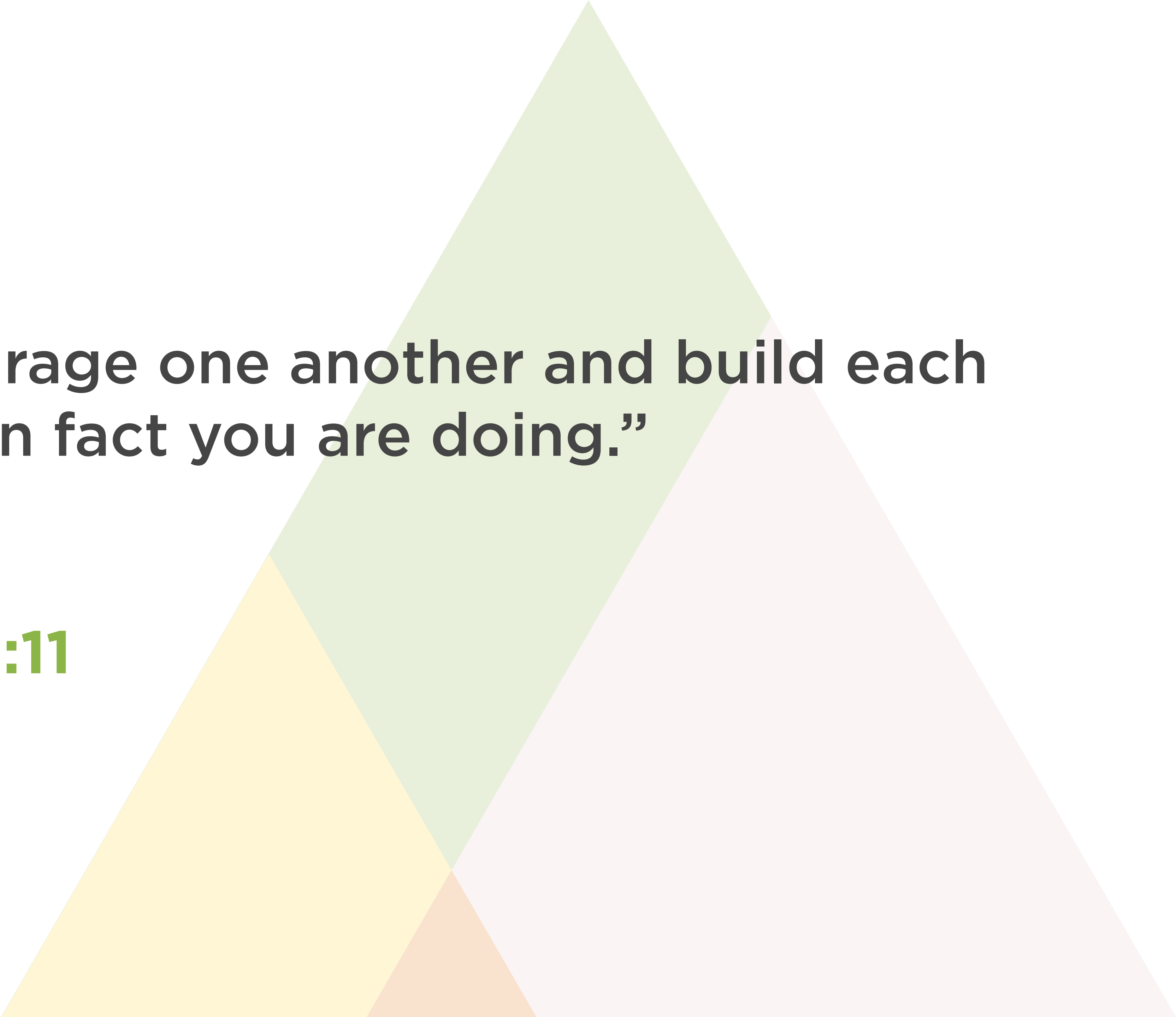


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# 1. PRACTICE ENCOURAGEMENT



**“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”**

—  
**1 Thessalonians 5:11**





**“Encouragement is the art of eulogizing someone while they’re still alive.”**

—

**Sammy Rhodes**



## **2. PRACTICE ADVOCACY**



# **3. PRACTICE WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE**



**“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.”**

—  
**1 Corinthians 14:1**



## **4. PRACTICE UNDER PROMISING AND OVER DELIVERING**



# 5. PRACTICE POETRY



*A Ritual to Read to Each Other, William Stafford*