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Dear Friend,

Welcome to this week's Care Conversation as we continue our series on personal and community spiritual formation.

Our reflection this week is about public speaking and communication. We will see that it is the Trinitarian relationship that gives us insight into the nature and dimensions of speaking, communicating and relating. As Christian leaders it is the Trinitarian model that informs our origins, values and patterns of communication in a Christ-centred community.

In gathering around this week's Care Conversation our desire is to give you a framework for embracing the Biblical qualities for communicating and public speaking as you engage in serving, guiding and edifying God's people.

"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life". Proverbs 10: 11 a

Yours in Christ,

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Speaking is incredibly powerful. God spoke Creation into being. Read Genesis One and be amazed at the frequency of “God said...”

He reveals Himself in His Word, and reveals Jesus as THE Word. [\[1\]](#)

He sustains the universe by the Word of His power. [\[2\]](#)

Communication is powerful.

James points out what an amazing effect our speech can have for good and

bad. [3]

Peter points out that when we speak, we are to speak the very words of God. [4]

Albert Mohler is convinced that leaders must be good communicators. “Leadership doesn’t happen until communication happens”. [5] Therefore, he says, “One essential requirement of leadership is the ability to talk, and to talk well”. [6] Leaders need to speak, he argues, with clarity, consistency and courage.

Christian school leaders help their communities to understand the nature of the Triune God, the condition of the world of which we are a part, and how education has a purpose of equipping people to engage redemptively.

Christian school leaders shape the culture and purpose of their communities. They do this primarily by what and how they communicate.

For a Christian leader, any communication must be Biblically based and designed to enhance an authentic Christian community.

A leader firstly communicates what they sincerely believe. When we communicate essential belief, we connect on both a head and a heart level.

Then a leader needs to communicate the critical purposes of the community.

There is no single public speaking model. We shouldn’t plan to imitate the great orators of history. Good public speaking is authentic, clear and seasoned with love, grace and truth.

Our prayer should be that of the Psalmist: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord.”

Seeking to communicate faithfully together.

[1] Eg John 1:1-3

[2] Eg Hebrews 1:3

[3] James 3:1-12

[4] 1 Peter 4:10-11

[5] Mohler, *The Conviction to Lead*, p91

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Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:4



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