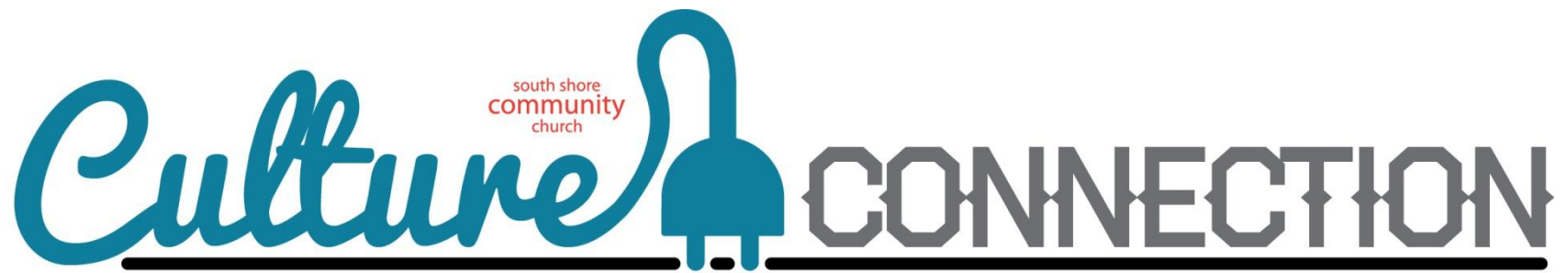



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- E.F. Hutton
- How do we gain a hearing in a world where everyone's opinion is equally valid? How do our words carry weight with those around us? Paul faced a similar situation in Corinth. Let's look at two verse from Paul & learn from the apostle.

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- 1 Cor 2:1, “When I came to you, brothers & sisters, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as *I proclaimed to you the testimony of God.*” 1 Corinthians 1:30, “It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness & redemption.”



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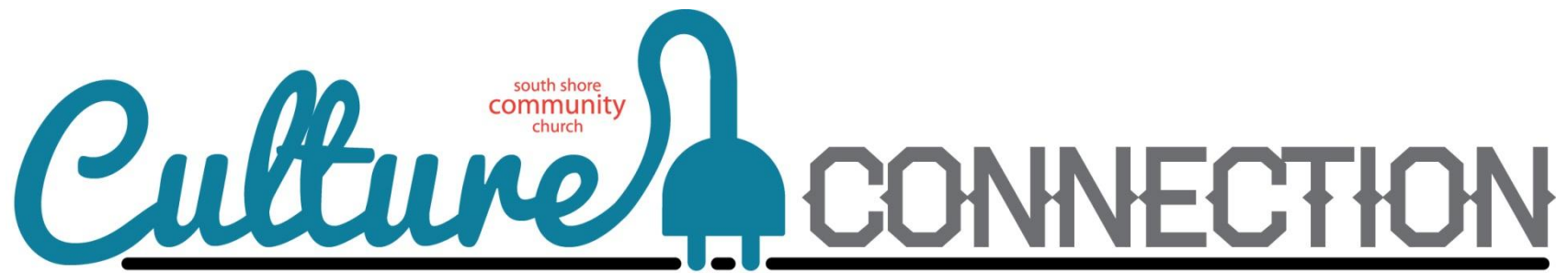
- One of the keys to reaching this generation will be our authentic testimony. A testimony of a changed life will carry weight. We have to live the gospel message. (knowledge society vs wisdom)
- We proclaim the testimony of God – our testimony of life change is a testimony about God who changes lives through Jesus. Genuine life change testimonies are spiritually weighty.



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- **First, if our words are going to be weighty we have to experience the reality of peace with God.** 1 Corinthians 1:30, “It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our **righteousness**, holiness & redemption.”
- Jesus is our righteousness. We are not righteous before God because of the good we do or the bad we avoid. (inside job)




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- **First, if our words are going to be weighty we have to experience the reality of peace with God.**
1 Corinthians 1:30
- Jesus is our righteousness.
- The more we experience the reality of our right standing before God, the more peace we will have with God. The more peace you carry, the more weighty your words. Peace is wisdom to an age of anxiety & uncertainty. (e.g., sexual abuse)



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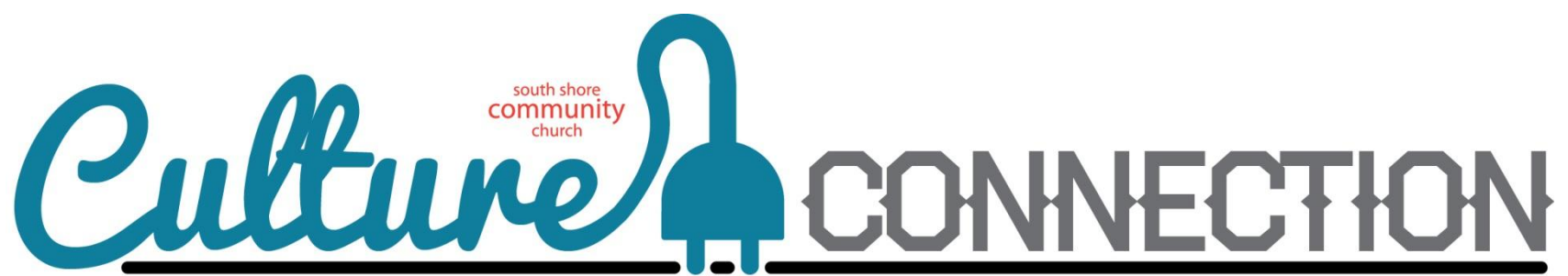
- **Second, if our words are going to be weighty we need to access the Jesus' victory over sin in our lives.** 1 Corinthians 1:30, "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness & redemption." Jesus Christ is our holiness. He has conquered sin & puts his Spirit within us so we can conquer sin. And when we conquer sin, once again our words have spiritual weightiness to them. Freedom is wisdom to an age of bondage & addiction.

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- **Second, if our words are going to be weighty we need to access the Jesus' victory over sin in our lives. 1 Corinthians 1:30**
- Sometimes victory comes suddenly & swiftly.
(Unbroken – Louis Zamperini)
- But, often our victories are slower & hard won. Often what we discover is that God isn't nearly as interested in fixing us as he is in having a relationship with us. We discover God's grace.
(soul care)

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- **Finally, if our words are going to be weighty we need to access Jesus' redeeming power.**
1 Corinthians 1:30, "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness & redemption." He is our **redemption.**
- Jesus redeems our suffering so we have hope.
(NYC, redeeming pain & weighty words)

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- Jesus redeems us, even in death, so we have hope of life eternal.

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- “Brothers & sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.” (1 Thess 4:13-14) (Bud)