

How to Talk So People Will Listen

(Why you should never lose your accent)
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“But Moses said to God, ‘**Who am I that I should go to** Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ And God said, ‘I will be with you. . . . Then what shall I tell them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM’. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:11-14 NIV)

“Moses said to the LORD, ‘Pardon your servant, **Lord. I have never been eloquent**, . . . Now go; **I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.**’ But Moses said, ‘Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.’” (Exodus 4 NIV)

Voice Diminishes

Where there is **fear**.

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” (1 John 4:18 NIV)

Where there is **shame**.

Where there is **innuendo**.

“...but **God did say**, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” (Genesis 3:3 NIV)

Voice Emerges

Where there is **sacred awe**.

Where there is **beautiful anger**.

“In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices, and moneychangers behind their counters. Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out . . .” (John 2:14-16 TLB)

Where there is **heartbreak**.

“Jesus wept.” (John 11:35 NIV)

“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.” (Psa 68)

Where **chronos** becomes **kairos**.

“If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?” (Esther 4 NLT)

Where **money monsters** are slain.

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:19 NIV)

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will. Your innocence will be clear to everyone. He will vindicate you with the blazing light of justice shining down as from the noonday sun. Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. Don't be envious of evil men who prosper. Stop your anger! Turn off your wrath. Don't fret and worry--it only leads to harm.” (Psa 37:5-8 TLB)

Where might **morphs into must**.

“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.” (1 Corinthians 9:16-17 KJV)