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God taught me to talk like Him. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." And Hebrews 4:14 says that Jesus is our great High Priest and we should "hold fast our confession" (AMPC).

The word confession means "to say the same thing as." Jesus can only do what we're saying that agrees with His Word. So it's vital for us as Christians to learn how to speak the Word of God and not just say things based on our feelings or what other people have said about us.

Now, I believe we'll have greater success with this if we concentrate on what we should be doing with our mouth, rather

Transforming change

than focusing on all the things we shouldn't say.

I want to encourage you to really listen to yourself and locate yourself. Where's your heart? The Bible says out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (see Luke 6:45).

The truth is, the things we say come from something that is formed in our heart. So you can determine where your heart is by listening to yourself.

How do you talk while you're going through a hard time? Or when you don't get what you want? Remember that what you say reveals the real you.

Changing the way you talk will change your heart. We all have room to grow in our relationship with God. And the way to make progress is to speak His language.

When you do, you will:

- Bless everything you can possibly bless. The Bible says we have the power to bless or curse with the words of our mouth. (See James 3:8-10.)

- Be thankful and say so. (See Psalm 100:4.) Don't just think about how much you appreciate someone — tell them.

- Be an encourager. Make an effort to give someone an encouraging word every day.

- Speak the Word of God. Recite and memorize verses that deal with things you want to change or overcome, such as anger, unforgiveness, insecurity.

- Stop talking too much. Be quick to hear and slow to speak.

God wants you to pray and ask Him to help you use your mouth to say the right things. When you do, it will change your life.

Spirituali-Tea to examine auxiliary languages

Monday evening, June 19 at 6:30 p.m., interested individuals are invited to join an engaging group of people from diverse spiritual paths who are looking to share spiritual paths and to understand and appreciate the paths of others.

The gathering will meet at the home of James and Suzanne Heintz at 875 Seventh St. Normal participation is twelve to twenty friends. The topic discussed this week will be Auxillary Language.

The Baha'i Writings state that the auxiliary language

should not suppress existing natural languages, and that the concept of unity in diversity must be applied to languages.

The Bahai's teachings state that cultural heterogeneity is compatible with unity, and that the Bahai's teaching of unity requires the embracing of cultural diversity, since humanity is enriched by the various cultures throughout the world.

The Baha'i teachings state that having an international auxiliary language would remove the pressure from the

natural aggrandizement of majority language groups and thus preserve minority languages, since each person would keep their own mother-tongue, and thus minority cultures.

Bring your thoughts on the subject for open discussion.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

For more information, call Suzanne at 541 590-0779.

Port from 1A

eligible for contract rates.

Owen also let the boat's Oregon registration expire at the end of December. This was another violation of the port's moorage contract.

Buckwald said, "It is a matter of what the port policies and ordinances are. It has got to be clear. Nothing about this whole ordeal, to me, has been clear."

Huntington said, "You can charge him the monthly rate, which is more than the annual, or even the semiannual rate. I can see that. Just because we can charge him \$17 per day because he doesn't have a contract..."

Duman, who was participating in the meeting by speakerphone, said, "The last thing we had signed by Gordon Owen was a contract for moorage. If on that contract it says we need to go to a daily rate, then we need to charge him. If it doesn't, we are going on what the port manager assumes, and everybody says, 'Well, you're

giving away public funds.' We never had public funds. Give (the money) back."

He continued, "The last contract (Owen) signed was a semiannual. A contract out of lease is still a contract. You don't have anything else signed by him. If (the daily rate) wasn't on his contract, that he signed and acknowledged ... It is our fault for not enforcing the semiannual. If he didn't pay the semiannual, we should have kicked him out that day."

Buckwald said, "I'm in favor of not charging him the daily rate. Put him on a monthly rate and walk away."

Commissioners voted to pay Owen \$1,477, the difference between the monthly rate and the daily rate he was charged for the six months from Oct. 1, 2016, to April 1, 2017.

According to port records, Owen's last payment to the port only covered moorage through March 3. The port had previously written off the balance of his March bill.

After coming out of an executive session to discuss port

property transactions and to consider appointment of an interim manager, Caputo reopened the special session.

Commissioners voted to reject an offer to purchase surplus port property located at 1499 Bay St. and to have the port attorney draw up a 60-day agreement to sell.

The port will maintain the right to refuse any offer for any reason.

The property originally housed Port of Siuslaw offices and most recently was leased by Silver Sand Dollar, which vacated the property in December.

In other business, commissioners voted to appoint Dina McClure as interim port manager while current manager Steven Leskin is on paid administrative leave, pending the outcome of a sexual harassment investigation. That investigation began Monday.

McClure previously served as interim manager for approximately four months between 2015 and 2016.

Helping from 1A

He also explained Helping Hands' definition of loitering around the proposed enclosed waiting area.

"From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. it is a waiting area. Prior to that and after that is loitering, and there is no loitering allowed," Hamilton said.

The Rev. Carol Thompson of the United Methodist Church said, "Helping Hands has been a part of our congregation ministry since August of last year and I believe on the police report there has been one incident where a call was made. I want you folks to be assured that (Helping Hands) are good neighbors."

Area resident Linda Castro said she was a supporter of Helping Hands but had concerns about the operation being located close to a residential neighborhood and a bus stop on 18th Street.

"My really big concern is because I have a 4-year-old that is going to be going to kindergarten. During the summer they have a pre-kindergarten program. The bus picks them up at 10 a.m. and drops them off at noon. Children are going to be getting off at 12 p.m. when (Helping Hands) is fully occupied. That worries me," she said.

Helping Hands co-founder Debbie Hanson said, "We have looked for 11 months for a place. If anyone has another place for us to move into, please tell us. We finally found a landlord that has no problems with us being there. Ninety nine percent of our people are well-behaved people that just want to feel a bit human for an hour and a half, three times a week."

After the public testimony, FarleyCampbell said the staff's recommendation would be to continue public hearings.

"The reason for that is to give the planning commission better certainty on the site plan, where the parking is going to

go and to address the access between the (coffee) kiosk and the (Helping Hands) building. More information is needed for you to make an objective decision," she said.

Commissioners expressed several concerns on the non-profit operation moving into a commercially zoned area.

Commissioner Michael Titmus said, "I don't think this particular enterprise, lofty as it is, fits within the description of a business, only being open an hour and a half, three days a week, and there is no money and commerce being done in this commercial zone."

"I also know that in working with the homeless and raising money for the rescue missions in Los Angeles that all the professionals say, 'Please, don't give handouts.' They need other services."

He concluded by saying, "I'm not sure this particular enterprise fits in a commercial area."

Board Chairman John Murphy closed the session by saying, "I am struggling on this issue when it comes time to vote. If this were any other type of regular retail or wholesale business and not a nonprofit that is really needed in our community, we know it would be denied. I'm struggling with our code that we have to make decisions by and the need for this in the community."

Commissioners agreed to postpone a final decision until a June 27 meeting, to allow more time to study the proposal, with added modifications, and to receive additional written comments, either for or against the project.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments can email the planning commission at wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us., or fax to 541-997-4109, or drop comments off at city hall, 250 Highway 101.

All correspondence must include a return address.

Written testimony will be accepted until 4 p.m. on June 27.

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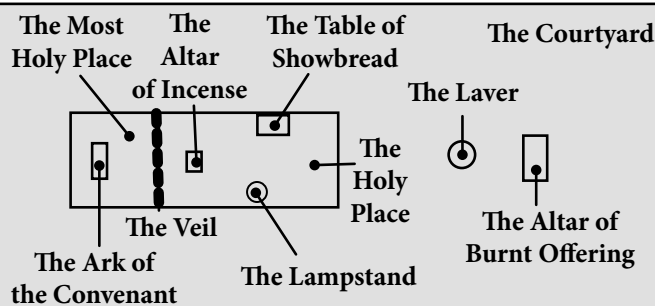
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