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Dear Friends,

I would like to share a story with you as told by the late May Rowland, who was the first director of Silent Unity:

*A few years ago while on a lecture trip, I was asked by the sister-in-law of Cecil B. De Mille if I would care to go out to the studio. They were just finishing the shooting of the well-known picture "King of Kings," which portrayed, of course, the life and experiences of Jesus.*

*Mr. De Mille invited us to have lunch with him. His mind was still absorbed by the wonder and beauty of the picture, and it was as though he continued to live in the great story. The motion picture was a masterpiece, in which he had had a part. He had put all of his great genius and art into it and wanted it to be a true enactment of Bible time. All who saw it recognized its greatness, and experienced the feelings that they were living with the great Bible characters.*

*I was seated next to Mr. De Mille at the lunch table in the studio. He fairly vibrated with the great truths he had put into picture form for the world to see.*

*He turned to me abruptly and asked, "Do you know what it says in the first chapter of John?"*

*It happened that I knew the chapter very well, as do many Bible students and I quoted the words:*

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

*Mr. De Mille then asked, "Do you know what the Word means?"*

*Before I could give my opinion, he said, with great enthusiasm: "Logos was the word used in the original Greek and represents the creative*

*power of the Mind in every man."*

*In order to be exact in producing "King of Kings" Mr. De Mille and his associates studied the Scriptures very carefully, as well as what some of the early Greek philosophers had to say about the Logos, or Word.*

Someone once said that "talk is cheap." However, our words are not cheap by any means. Words give us the power to heal or hurt; build or destroy; love or hate. Think about it, when was the last time someone said something loving to you, and how did it make you feel? Now, what about something that was said that hurt your feelings, how did that make you feel?

How much do our words really cost us? If I say something positive to you, it builds a bridge between us. But if I say something negative, it burns that bridge down. Many a friendship was lost due to ill-spoken words.

It has been said that the ability to use words, spoken or written, can uplift all the elements in our life bringing a sense of well-being to our state of mind and harmony to our relationships.

As Mr. De Mille found out, the power of the "Word" is the power to create, so I share the following with you to think about:

Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words.

Keep your words positive because your words become your behavior.

Keep your behavior positive because your behavior becomes your habits.

Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values.

Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.

As you enjoy the beauty and wonders that the month of March has to offer you, remember: Your words have great power. Use them to support and inspire yourself and those around you.