

A heart shape is formed by several light-colored sticks and smooth, rounded stones of various shades (grey, blue, brown) arranged on a dark, textured background. The sticks form the outline of the heart, while the stones fill the interior. The title text is overlaid on this composition.

# *STICKS & STONES*

The Power of Words

**Part 3: Words of Hope**

**“But I say to you that for every **idle** word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.”**

**Matthew 12:36**

**Idle (Greek: argos) – unemployed, lazy, useless.**

**“Shunning the labor which one ought to perform.”**

# **What is Hope?**

**Hope is expectation that  
something will happen.**

**Hebrews 10:23**

# How to speak words of hope:

**1. Say things that edify others.**

**Ephesians 4:29**

**“Don’t speak rotten, destructive words to people. Instead, build others up. This will promote spiritual growth in them, and empower them to change.”**

**(Not King Jamie Version)**

# **How to speak words of hope:**

**2. Declare future destiny  
rather than present conditions.**

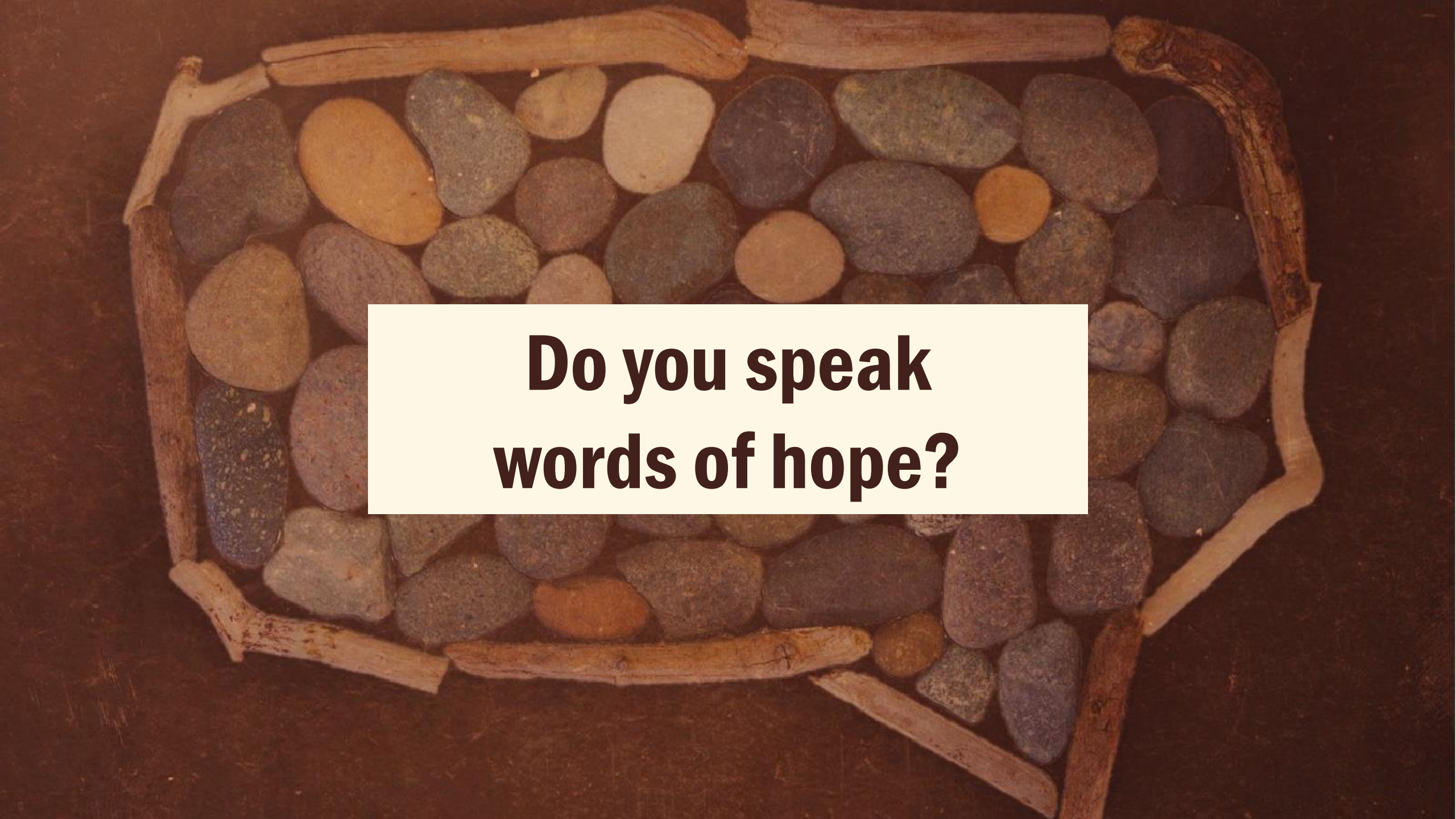
**Genesis 17:5**

**Judges 6:12**

**How to speak words of hope:**

**3. Proclaim the truth instead of the facts.**

**Joel 3:10**

A wooden tray filled with smooth, multi-colored stones. The stones are in various shades of grey, blue, brown, and tan. The tray is made of light-colored wood and is set against a dark background.

**Do you speak  
words of hope?**