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## SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE

*So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unending love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. John 1:14*

**WHEN MY DAUGHTER, Kelly, was in college, she flew to Mexico to participate in Spanish language studies because her goal was to become a bilingual schoolteacher.** The best and fastest way to really learn the language-complete with all the cultural nuances unavailable in textbooks-was to immerse herself in a Hispanic environment for an extended period.

**Kelly had to board a plane, travel many miles, and get face-to-face with Spanish-speaking people. She couldn't learn the language from afar because she didn't want her "foreignness" to be a problem for the Hispanic students she would teach.** She wanted to be able to communicate fluently and effectively, so she left her American Culture and traveled to a Hispanic culture to live and learn about life there.

**In a miraculous way, God immersed Himself in our culture. In order to communicate His love to a hurting human race, He became a genuine human being. He could have communicated with us from afar, but He chose to do it up close, leaving His own heavenly "culture" and immersing Himself in ours as one of us. That's who Jesus Christ is-the genuine God who came to earth and pitched His tent right in the middle of us. He spoke our language....**

**His human experience was thoroughly real. He knows our pain and our joy because He speak our language.**

**What about You? Do you ever feel misunderstood? Like you want someone who really understands what you're going through? Jesus knows where you are, and even better, he understands how you feel in that spot. He speaks your language, the language of God's love. AMEN.**

~ Dr. Jack Graham

*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20*

