



**“Ghosts of Christmas Past—Labels”**

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*The tongue has the power of life and death.* - Proverbs 18:21

Words have the power to Create—Motivate—Encourage—Shape  
Hurt—Wound—Discourage—Destroy

Some struggle in the \_\_\_\_\_ because of labels picked up in the \_\_\_\_\_

What’s true about you \_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t have to be true about you \_\_\_\_\_

God’s power is bigger than your \_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGE THE LABEL**

**NAME IT SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_**

*...Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. 17 And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, “Don’t despair, for you have another son.” 18 As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.*

- Genesis 35:16-18

*Ben-Oni:* Ben (Son) Oni (Sorrow)—Son of My Sorrow

Rachel named her son \_\_\_\_\_  
The Father named the son \_\_\_\_\_

True in the moment—Wouldn’t be true forever!

Jacob had experience of renaming

Jacob—\_\_\_\_\_ to Jacob—\_\_\_\_\_ (My God \_\_\_\_\_)

Benjamin (Son of my \_\_\_\_\_ hand)

What others call a curse—I call a blessing!

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is bigger than your \_\_\_\_\_ !

What the enemy designs to \_\_\_\_\_ you with,  
God will use to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

You don’t get to choose what comes into your life,  
but you do get to choose what you call it.

(Present, Past, Now, Later, Past, Different, One thing, Something else, Deceiver, Israel, Prevails, Right, Power, Past, Stop, Strengthen)

**Memory verse:** *“The tongue has the power of life and death.*  
- Proverbs 18:21

**My Next Step Today is...**

- Memorize Proverbs 18:21
- What are some positive and negative labels you’ve been given? How is your Heavenly Father naming you something different?
- How are you labeling your kids, coworkers, family, and friends? Do you need to rename anyone like Jacob did in Genesis 35:16-18?
- Fill in the blanks. I’ve been called \_\_\_\_\_. But my Heavenly Father calls me \_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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