



they will never really let go of the incident in their hearts and could conceivably carry it with them forever.



So, *Mr. Sticks and Stones*, we will recover from the broken legs (one of our brothers was hit by a train in the midst of our Chicago Snowstorm on Super Bowl Sunday—he survived, but currently is sporting two broken legs); Derrick Rose (Chicago Bulls) will recover from the torn meniscus in his knee; Patrick Kane (Chicago Blackhawks) will recover from his broken collar bone. Many athletes extend their careers through Tommy John surgery, and many elderly people who used to fall, break their hip and never recover, are now happily living extended lives.

But *Mr. Words*, you are the one with the power. My bible says that Jesus was the word made flesh (John 1:14). Yes, it is words that have the power to encourage us to move mountains and dream the impossible dream. It is words that inspire young people and give them encouragement: words from past visionaries such as John Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Moses Maimonides. Sadly it is also true that words can bring people down to the lowest depths of their soul.

We are so blessed to have Father’s words on our prayer tables. Words we can read every day to inspire us to be the best person that we can be and to overcome, every time evil may confront us. While Satan continues to be the ruler of this world (I Cor: 2:8) bad things will continue to happen to good people. So yes, words will and do hurt us, but as Father has said so many times (and even Joel Osteen repeated last Sunday), “we need not wish that the bad things would go away, we need to be strengthened by them every time by overcoming and bringing victory. And we should be thanking God for the opportunity to overcome evil.”\*

\* In the case of graduating from the family sphere to the clan sphere, a person must pay the debt of sin both for himself and for the ancestors of his clan. Heaven allows evil spirits to torment him as punishment for this sin. If he willingly endures the suffering given by the evil spirits and overcomes it, he will have successfully paid the indemnity through this condition and thus be entitled to enter the higher sphere of benefit at the clan level.

[Exposition of the Divine Principle, Chapter 5, Resurrection, Returning Resurrection 2.3.3]