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Series Title: Shifting Your Narrative
Key Scripture: 1 Kings 20:1-13, 22-28
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The Big Idea:
Our words shape our perspective, and our perspective shapes how we live. In 1 Kings 20, King Ahab faced intense attack from the enemy and initially agreed with the enemy's demands. However, when Ahab stopped agreeing with the lies and began to listen to what God said, everything changed. Victory begins when we shift our narrative; when we stop believing lies and start speaking God's truth.

Starter:
What's a situation in your life where you had to "shift your perspective" or change how you were thinking about it? What difference did that make?

Discussion:

1. Read 1 Kings 20:1–3.
   Ben-Hadad attacked Israel with a vast army and demanded Ahab's gold, silver, and even his family.
   a. What stands out to you about the enemy's demands?
   b. In what ways does the enemy still try to "take" from us today (ex: our peace, joy, or faith)?

2. Read 1 Kings 20:4.
   Ahab replied, "Just as you say... I and all I have are yours."
   a. Why do you think Ahab surrendered so easily?
   b. Are there areas in your life where you've been tempted to agree with fear, defeat, or lies instead of trusting God's truth?
3. Read 1 Kings 20:7–8
   The elders of Israel told Ahab, "Don't listen to him or agree to his demands."
   a. Why is it dangerous to agree with the enemy's voice?
   b. What does it look like to "shift your narrative" from believing lies to believing God's Word?

4. Read 1 Kings 20:11
   Ahab boldly declared, “One who puts on his armor should not boast like one who takes it off.”
   a. The sermon said, “Victory has a voice.” How can our words reflect faith and confidence in God, even before we see the outcome?
   b. What declarations of faith or Scripture could you begin speaking over your life this week?

5. Read 1 Kings 20:13
   A prophet came to Ahab saying, “This is what the Lord says...”
   a. Why is it important to pause and seek God’s perspective before reacting to challenges?
   b. How can we make more space in our daily lives to hear what the Lord says?

6. Read 1 Kings 20:28
   The Arameans believed Israel’s God was only the God of the mountains. But God said, “Because they think the Lord is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands.”
   a. What does this reveal about God’s presence in both our victories and our struggles?
   b. How has God proven Himself faithful to you in both mountain and valley seasons?

Diving Deeper:

7. How can changing your words and thoughts help shift your spiritual perspective and strengthen your faith?

8. What practical steps can you take this week to stop agreeing with lies and start declaring God’s truth over your life?

9. As a community, how can we help one another “shift our narratives” by speaking life, encouragement, and faith into each other’s stories?