

Children's sermon: February 13, 2010

**"Awesome"**

Yes, I got your e-mails ... you are tired of t-shirt give-aways. Now you got your parents e-mailing me ... hoping I will give out more household cleaning items ----- which you don't like, but they do.

How about this song???? ----- yes, "Power to the people" by John Lennon.

When you hear this song today ... what country are you thinking of???

Yes ----- EGYPT. POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

Speaking of power ...

How many of you are "slobs"???? Do you have messy rooms?

Are you like Fred and his sister Zelda???? They get home from school ... take off their school clothes ... throw them wherever they happen to be ... put on their play clothes ...

Then the next morning ...when they go into their closets ----- their clothes are magically clean and in a neat stack.

The next day ... same thing ... they throw their clothes all over the place ...

the next day: CLEAN AND NEATLY STACKED.

Yes, speaking of power ... there is nothing like the POWER of someone who loves you.

Zelda looks at her brother: *You know, Fred ... these clean clothes neatly stacked every morning ... it's not magic!!*

*It's mom.*

*She loves us ... and cares for us ... and takes care of us. She is pretty AWESOME.*

*Fred is quiet ... then thinks and speaks.*

*I guess we just expect our clothes to be clean and in the closet. Mom does so much for us ... everyday.*

*So does dad ... and grandma ... and our neighbor.*

*Love is pretty AWESOME ... but ----- we hardly ever say those magic words:*

*THANK-YOU ... and I LOVE YOU.*

*Zelda responds: Maybe it's time to step-it-up a notch!!*

The next morning ... just before school ... Fred and Zelda go up to their mom ...

*Mom ... we're off to school.*

*And ----- ...*

*Zelda is first --- Thank-you for everything ... and ... I love you.*

*Then it's Fred's turn --- I love you, too ... and thank-you.*

Tears begin to well-up in mama's eyes.

My friends ...there is such power in these simple words.

A gentle power ... a loving power. Maybe we need to say them more often to those who give and give and give to us.

I'm so excited. I'm at the dollar store. This week the shelves are stocked. And I come across this ... as a reminder of today's message. It's called AWESOME detergent. Look at the label --- AWESOME.

And --- it's in a red container for Valentine's Day.

And --- you can use it to wash your own clothes!@!!

Kids: I LOVE YOU ... and THANK-YOU.