

# Yea Be Yea

*Scripture: Matthew 5:37*

## **INTRO**

Before You, Lord, I make my vow:  
my yes a yes, my no a no.

## **VERSE 1**

Lord, I said it like it cost me nothing — light words, a careless tongue,  
I made the promise at Dawnbreak and forgot it by the sun;  
I confess I've been a wind, my Father — loud, and quick, and cheap;  
make me swift to hear and slow to speak —  
let my words be few, and the kind I keep.

## **PRE-CHORUS**

So set a guard, O Lord, before these lips of mine;  
let me weigh it slow and mean it... let my small word stand in time.

## **CHORUS**

Make my yea be yea, and my nay be nay —  
let me keep my word, Lord, even when it costs to stay;  
no rash and reckless vow flung up to the sky —  
just an honest, steady tongue that I can stand behind and not deny.  
No man can keep his own tongue true — may it be what You do;  
yea be yea, no be no... guide me to hold to it, Lord.

## **VERSE 2**

Every idle word gets weighed, my Father — I have read it, and it's true;  
I could never balance that scale — there's no oath of mine will do;  
and if I pledged myself to wrong — a snare that grieves Your name,  
let me give my eyes no sleep, but flee the hunter's hand and chain.

## **PRE-CHORUS**

Don't let me bow to a pact I never should have made;  
lead me by Your Spirit, Lord... let the only "amen" be the kind You bade.

## **CHORUS**

Make my yea be yea, and my nay be nay —  
let me keep my word, Lord, even when it costs to stay;

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no idle, empty vow I'd be ashamed to own —  
just a plain and honest "yes" that I can carry to the throne.  
No man can keep his own tongue true — may it be what You do;  
yea be yea, no be no... guide me to hold to it, Lord.

### **BRIDGE**

There is One whose Word is iron — that cannot break, the Faithful, the True,  
the Word made flesh, who never once said a thing He did not do;  
every promise that You ever made is Yes and Amen in the Son —  
and He swore it to His own hurt, all the way... to a cross, and it was done.  
Yes and Amen — in Him. Yes and Amen — in Him.  
So when my word falls down, I run to the throne of grace...  
where the kept word still rings out.

### **FINAL CHORUS**

So make my yea be yea, and my nay be nay —  
not by gritted teeth, but the grace He bought the day He kept the way;  
I can't be true alone, Lord — so be the Truth in me;  
yea be yea, no be no... 'cause the One who keeps His word kept me.  
Let Your Word abide in me, and grow the honest fruit I couldn't be —  
yea be yea, no be no... it's grace, and grace that's keeping me.

### **OUTRO**

Make my yes a yes, and keep my word like Yours —  
I can't, but You can, and You always keep Your word.  
Yes — and Amen.

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*"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."*

— Matthew 5:37 (KJV)

**LITTLE LESSON FOR LITTLE HEARTS**

Jesus said something so simple it can change how we live: "let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay" (Matthew 5:37). In other words, mean what you say — let your yes be a real yes and your no a real no, so you don't need to swear big oaths to be believed. The tongue is a little thing, but James says it sets a whole life on a course (James 3:2–8), and Jesus warns that "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof" (Matthew 12:36). That's a weight none of us can carry alone, so we pray with the psalmist, "Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth" (Psalm 141:3) — make me swift to hear, slow to speak (James 1:19), my words few and the kind I keep. We don't keep our word by gritted teeth. We keep it because of the One whose Word is iron and cannot break: Jesus, "the Word... made flesh" (John 1:14), "Faithful and True" (Revelation 19:11), in whom "all the promises of God... are yea, and... Amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20). He even swore to His own hurt, all the way to a cross, and kept it. So when our word falls down — and it will — we don't hide or despair; we "come boldly unto the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:16). Be honest. Keep your promises. And lean on the One who keeps His word, because He is the One who keeps you.