

# Speaking with Your Whole Heart

## Resources and Opportunities

Strategic use of Special Resources can support your presentation. They can draw the audience into your speech, paint a clearer picture, aid in transitions or focus a conclusion. Some of these tools will require extensive practice because they may be outside your current comfort zone.

Remember, these tools can help a great speech. They can seldom compensate for sincerity, planning, preparation or practice, practice, practice.

### *Painting Special Word Pictures*

**Humor:** Softens the audience, disarms, builds connections

**Emotion:** Tenderness, touching, heartbreak, sorrow

**Singing:** Connects with the audience (or at least entertains them)

### *Getting Physical*

**Gestures:** Lets the audience see while they hear

**Physical Surprise:** Slapstick, falling down, jumping, banging

**Acting Out:** Physical behavior that lays a broader backdrop for the words

**Costume:** Helps direct the audience to the appropriate context

**Props:** Clarify some points that might be hard to explain

### *Written Information*

**Note Tablet:** Write large, legibly

**Display Board:** Large Font, Use Colors sparingly

**Pictures:** Need to be as large as practical

**Pass Around:** Needs to be clear and simple

**Handouts:** Pass out after presentation

**Audio/Visual:** Test the system prior to use

**Slide Shows:** Use it to supplement, not dominate your speech