



Faith That Tames the Tongue (James 3:1–12)

* Think of a time when someone's words had a lasting impact on you — positive or negative. What do you remember most about it?

Discussion Questions:

1. Words Have Weight (vv. 1–2)

- Why do you think James begins this section with a warning to teachers?
- What does it mean that our words reveal spiritual maturity?

2. Power of the Tongue (vv. 3–6)

- James uses images like a bit, rudder, and spark. Which of these speaks to you most — and why?
- How have you seen the power of words play out in your own life — either for good or harm?

3. Inconsistency of Speech (vv. 7–12)

- Why do you think James says “no human being can tame the tongue”? What hope do we have then?
- How does inconsistency in our speech (praising God, yet cursing people) affect our witness?

4. Living It Out

- ▶ James isn't just calling us to “try harder” — he's calling us to be transformed. How can we practically allow God to transform our speech?
- ▶ What is one area in your communication you sense God asking you to grow in?

5. Challenge: Word Audit = This week, take note of what you say. Are your words life-giving? Where do you need God's help in choosing better words?