

James: Power of Words

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James 3:1-12



In James 3:1-12, James wrote about how although the tongue is small it has a massive impact on our lives. Our words play a big part in our ability to live wholly and consistently with the values and beliefs of Jesus. We must not live divided in our faith by using our tongue to praise God but curse others. We are asked to consider what kind of water flows from the spring of our lives when we speak, and it is only God that can help us to keep our words pure.

Getting Started

What childhood stories do you have that disprove the idea that sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me?

Read

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Digging Deeper

- In what ways did this message feel personal?
- From the examples Austin gave, what statement can you relate to, or is there another example?
 - Out of the same mouth comes compassion and mercy for your friends or co-workers, and cruelty and heartlessness for people who have less money than you, the poor and the homeless.
 - Out of the same mouth comes an outpouring of love and support for your child, and a quick temper and shortness with your spouse. This should not be.
 - Out of the same mouth comes love and passion for your students, and hatred or something very similar called indifference for someone who looks different than you or was born in a different country than you.
 - Out of the same mouth comes “the battle belongs to you, God” on Sunday morning and I gotta do this all by myself and I’m alone on Monday morning. This should not be.
 - Out of the same mouth comes you should come to church with me and check out Jesus because I love Jesus and of course I can go party with you, Jesus doesn’t care how I live.
- Out of an overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks. What kind of water is flowing from the spring of your life? How can you fill your heart with “fresh water” this week?



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