



## James | The Power of Our Words

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### Reflect + Discuss

- Do you have any words or phrases you'll never forget? Maybe words a teacher, friend, loved one, or stranger said that seem to stick with you? (Or a movie quote or song lyric that often comes to mind?)
- Can you think of a time where your words had an unexpected impact on someone? Either positively or negatively?
- Read James 3:1-6. Do you agree or disagree with what James says about the power of the tongue?
- James talks about the challenge of taming the tongue. Have you ever struggled with controlling your words? What circumstances lead you to use your words in a harmful way?
- Read James 3:7-12. What are your thoughts and reactions to James's words? What can we learn from these words?
- Spend some time reflecting on how you use your words. Are there certain relationships where you use your words differently? How do people in those different relationships experience you because of your words? Does it line up with how you want to be known?
- How can we as a community be more intentional about using our words to build each other up?

### Pray

- If there were relationships that came to mind during the sermon or discussion that need repair or healing, spend some time in reflection with God about that. Lay those relationships before him and ask him to show you what to do and ask him to bring healing. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help us use our words to heal instead of harm, to be quick to ask for forgiveness, and to be people who pursue reconciliation when our words do damage.

### Next Steps

- Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).