



# TAMING THE TONGUE

WEEK 4 | DAVE D'ANGELO

## James 3:1-12

Because of our tongues we've experienced:

- Brokenness in relationships
- Distance from family members
- Toxic workplaces

→ This includes words that are spoken, typed, and even shared online.

### THE REALITY:

1. Teachers carry a big responsibility and are strictly judged.
2. Everyone has an issue with their tongue.
3. The tongue, though small, has immense power to destroy.
4. Even a little salt ruins all of the water.

→ We can feel convicted by James' words, but we cannot stay there. **What you stare at you steer toward.**

We are supposed to be humbly aware of our limited humanity, and humbly **in awe of God's supernatural ability.**

## Matthew 19:26

*But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

## 2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

### **1 John 4:4**

*Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

### **Zechariah 4:6**

*Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.*

### **Ephesians 3:20**

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.*

### **Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

### **Romans 8:11**

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

- None of us can tame our tongue, but none of us, if we're in Christ, are on our own. The Holy Spirit is with us, in us, and with God, all things are possible.

### **Proverbs 18:6-8, 20-21**

*A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating. A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body...From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

### **Matthew 12:34-37**

*You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good*

*treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

### **Ephesians 4:29**

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

### **THE PROMISE:**

- 1 Teachers carry a big responsibility and are strictly judged. Teachers also have **immense opportunity**.

### **Romans 1:16**

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

### **Romans 10:14**

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? Ans how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

- 2 Everyone has an issue with their tongue. Our surrendered issues **reveal His grace**.

### **2 Corinthians 11:30, 12:9**

*If I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness...But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

- 3 The tongue, though small, has immense power to destroy. It also has immense **power to give life**.

### **1 Timothy 4:13**

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*

Exhort: use our words to comfort, console, encourage, call forth to good action

- 4 Even a little salt ruins all of the water. **Not all salt is bad.**

### Colossians 4:6

*Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

#### Salt:

Sterilizes



#### Jesus:

Makes us clean through His death on the cross

Preserves



Offers an opportunity to be co-heirs forever in eternity

Seasons



Changes us, making us more like Him

#### We can control:

- 1 What we **pray**

### Psalm 141:3-4

*Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!*

- 2 Who we **repent** to

→ Sin is against God, and it has consequences for those around us.

#### Question:

Who do I need to apologize to?

- 3 Where we **rest**

### Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

