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# FAITH THAT WORKS

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**Free speech  
is my right,  
isn't it?**

**FAITH  
THAT  
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# The Bible: *Words* are powerful

## 1. God uses words to create

Genesis 1:1-3

And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light.



# The Bible: *Words* are powerful

## 2. Satan uses words to destroy

Genesis 3:1

**Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden”?’**

# The Bible: *Words* are powerful

## 3. They create reality

Isaiah 55:11 3:1

**So is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
it will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

# The Bible: *Words* are powerful

## 3. They create reality

James 3:10

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.



What  
REALITY  
DO your  
WORDS  
CREATE?

# 1. Teachers beware!

But we are all teachers!

James 3:1

**Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.**



## 2. We all fail with our words

James 3:2

**We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.**

What KIND  
of WORDS  
do YOU  
FAIL  
WITH?

## 2. We all fail with our words

Are we honest about that?

James 3:2

**We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.**



# 3. Words have a huge impact

1. They can bring everything under control

James 3:3

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

# 3. Words have a huge impact

2. They can take your whole life in a particular direction

James 3:4

Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

# 3. Words have a huge impact

2. They can take your whole life in a particular direction

James 3:5

Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.



# 3. Words have a huge impact

## 3. They corrupt the whole body

James 3:6

**The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**

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**Matthew 18:18**

**'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**

# 4. We have no cure!

Your own efforts are useless

James 3:7-8

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.



# 5. It's a matter of the heart

Where does your heart need to be touched?

James 3:11-12

Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Where is  
the  
WATER  
not FRESH  
IN YOUR  
HEART?

Judging

criticizing

lying

unkind

boasting

**What's in your heart**

**that causes those**

**words to flow?**

put others down

blaming



What WORDS  
have HURT  
YOU?

What WORDS could  
you USE to  
POWERFUL EFFECT  
in SOMEONE ELSE'S  
LIFE?

