

SERMON SERIES: CLOSER
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Key Line

“By Your Words”

Introduction

Last week we read James 1:1-12 where we were challenged to lean into what God has for us through the pain. This week we continue by remembering to watch our mouths, for it is by our words that we are able to speak life.

- When have you maybe said something you probably shouldn't have? What'd you say? How did it end?

Seek the Word

Read James 3:1-2

- Why does James tell us that not many of us should become teachers? What is the purpose of his suggestion?

Look at James 3:3-5

- What is the strategy that James is trying to develop in our lives?

Look at James 3:7-8

- Why do you think James says all this about the tongue and its power, yet say that no human being can tame the tongue? How does this feel?

Read Ephesians 4:29

- What is Paul saying about the choice of words and what they are capable of?

Talk About It

- What direction are you heading if you keep speaking in the way you have been? What do you hope to make your declaration?
- What do you think of the strategy of “Owning it, Diagnosing it, Surrendering it?”
- What could it look like to forgive the fires that have been burning within us for so long?
 - “Your mouth doesn't have an anger issue your heart does”

Wrap Up

Reminder: In a world of conflict and arguments and division may we choose to live in a way to build up the people around us, the kingdom of God, and not tear down the people around us.

Watch Your Mouth Challenge: 3 Encouragements, 2 Thankful, 1 Memorized Scripture (option: Psalm 19:14)

