

SERIES: FRESH WISDOM

DATE: Sunday, February 26-27, 2022

SERMON: The Power of Words

SCRIPTURE: James 3:1-12 ESV

PASTOR: Chris Kroll

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

James 3:1-12

[1] Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

[2] For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

[3] If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

[4] Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

[5] So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

[6] And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

[7] For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,

[8] but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

[9] With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

[10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

[11] Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

[12] Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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On a scale of 1 to 10:

How difficult is it to communicate kindly with people these days? _____

How difficult is it to communicate with patience on stressful days? _____

How much impact do your words have on other people? _____

Proverbs 18:21a

1. Words are _____, so use them for _____.

2. Words carry _____, so get help _____ them.

James 3:1-5a

3. Words are _____, so _____ with _____.

James 3:5b-6

4. Words are _____, so turn them over to the _____.

James 3:7-12

Challenge: Let God _____ your _____ and see _____ flow to your _____!

Lagniappe

Martha and I are taking a few days off this week, but we are looking forward to seeing you next weekend. We are also looking forward to getting ourselves ready for Easter and for our new capital campaign with the sermon series entitled: "Anchored."

The series will be a "Tell me the story of Jesus" series. We will look at the life, ministry, and teaching of Jesus as found in the gospels. I hope that you will join with me in getting ready to worship as we remember the cross and resurrection.

Would you also make this a time of recommitment of your life to live for God and to serve him through the local church?

For two years our ministry and worship has been distracted and hindered. Let us make this a time in which we serve God "unhindered." That word is the last word in the Acts of the Apostles, a word describing Paul's preaching in the midst of great tribulation.

Let us be unhindered in our devotion and service to God.

Would you make this a time in which we all get back to church and back to our Connect Groups? We are planning for a high attendance day March 19 and 20. I pray that you will be part of this and will encourage your friends and family to join you as well.

Next Sunday, March 6 at 6:30 PM, we will have a service of ordination of Carl Doescher to gospel ministry. This will occur in the ROC and will be led by our pastors and the youth praise band. Please join with us as we affirm Carl's call to ministry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Boring". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" and last name "Boring" clearly distinguishable.