

## Solving Word Problems — Part 2: Gotta Tame It

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*Like a small spark that has the potential to scorch an entire green forest, our tongues are untamable, with the power to control our whole bodies. We have a tool that can be used to build up those around us or tear them down in just a few words. What do we do with that kind of power? We can't lock it away. But we can, by God's grace, learn to guard and control it.*

Read James 3:2-12

- When is a time you have said something you wish you could rewind, delete or undo?
- How can learning to control our tongues help us control ourselves in every other way?
- Why does a small bit in a horse's mouth make it possible to influence the horse's direction? How does this connect to "bridling the tongue"?
- What is the significance of something so small as a rudder on a ship steering the entire vessel to how the tongue impacts the whole of life?
- In what ways can small, seemingly insignificant words spread like a wild fire?
- What is the biggest challenge you face in taming your tongue?
- What type of warning label would you place on the "poison" of the tongue?
- What impression do you have of people who seem to talk out of both sides of their mouths?
- Why would James say "this is not right" for people to choose and use two opposing types of words?
- What is one step you can take to remember the power of your words and relinquish them to the power of grace?