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James 3

3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **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. **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. **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. **7** All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. **10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read James 3.
 2. Why does James put so much emphasis on the things we say?
 3. Can you think of a time when you really put your foot in your mouth?
 4. How does this jibe with the teaching that we are saved by faith and not by doing good works?
 5. If our lives are producing bad fruit, what is most likely the cause?
 6. What are ways to learn to speak like Jesus would speak?
- Take time to pray for for one another.