

FAITH THAT WORKS
"IN WORDS"
JAMES 3:1-12
FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

Big IDEA: Faith works to tame the _____.

1. **Words carry _____.**
2. **Words _____ the _____ of your life.**
3. **Words can _____.**
4. **Words _____.**

REDEEMED SPEECH (Eph. 4:29)

1. Are these the _____ _____?
2. Is this the right _____ and _____?
3. Will this give _____?

Monday

Your words are not random; they reveal what's in your heart. When pressure rises, what spills out reveals what has been stored up. Jesus doesn't just aim to manage your vocabulary but to renovate your inner life. *What did your words this past week reveal about what's filling your heart?*

Tuesday

A single sentence can ignite a conflict, fracture a friendship, or fuel a fire. We often underestimate how quickly one verbal spark can become a relational wildfire. Wisdom teaches us to treat every word like it's holding a match. *Where might you need to extinguish a small spark before it becomes something bigger?*

Wednesday

We tend to excuse our words as "that's just how I am," but Scripture treats them as a diagnostic tool. The tongue doesn't create the condition of the soul, it exposes it. Grace invites us not to defend ourselves but to let God search us. *When was the last time you let your words lead you to repentance rather than justification?*

Thursday

Blessing God on Sunday and belittling people on Monday reveals a divided spring. James presses us to see that inconsistency in speech signals inconsistency in allegiance. A redeemed heart produces a redeemed stream. *Is there anyone made in God's image you need to speak differently about or to this week?*

Friday

Willpower can edit your speech for a season, but only the Spirit can transform your language at its source. The gospel doesn't just silence profanity; it produces praise, encouragement, and truth. When Christ rules your heart, your words begin to sound more and more like His. *What would it look like for your speech to reflect the lordship of Jesus today?*