



We Resolve... to Speak Him Boldly

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But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

(James 1:22)

Discipleship Stories & Opening Prayer/Review Ch. 1 & 2

Finish the statement: Sticks and stones may break my bones, but _____ will never hurt me!

Is this true... really?

Bible Study: *Lectio Divina* ("Divine Reading")

Step #1: Read out loud - James 3:1-12.

Step #2: On your own quietly, re-read - James 3:1-12.

Step #3: Write down - What is God saying to you?

- What are God's expectations for people of genuine faith?
- What are real & painful consequences of not controlling the tongue?
- What are the blessings of God's "Family/Kingdom language"?
- Describe the "Family Language"? What other "language" exists?
- Do we compartmentalize life in what we say - "church" life? Work life? Home life? Friend life? What is common to all "compartments"?
- What colorful examples does James use to highlight inconsistencies?
- What impact of the tongue does God warn and admonish us about?
- How does this teaching from James impact how you live out St. *Connecting, Caring and Sharing in Christ* and *Discipleship in as Many Places as Possible* in the connections God has given you?
- What are some real, relevant, practical things God wants you to take with you today? **In Christ, I resolve to _____!**

See also: Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:18, 15:4, 18:21, 21:23, Matt. 12:33-37, 1 Peter 3:10 and Ephesians 4:29

Closing Prayer

