Grace Children's Ministry needs a few more helpers to help on Sunday Mornings just during the sermon and only every 6 weeks or so.

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Sunday, Oct 21st 5-8pm Fire & Cookout Pond & Kayaks Games & ZipLine You & Friends

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EVERYDAY FAITH

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH THE BOOK OF JAMES

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James 3:1-12

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.



Remember last week: To know what you actually believe, look at what you do.

And so James immediately goes for the jugular.

- Face to Face
 - Texting
- Social Media
- Behind the Back
 - In My Heart
- The Silent Treatment

The Power of Words

Genesis 1:1-3 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit ("breath") of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," 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.

Your words guide your life

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Life Giving and Life Taking

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Sticks and Stones may break my bones



Robert Fulghum "All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten"

- Don't hit people.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Flush.
- Take a nap every afternoon.

Sticks and Stones may break my bones

> ...but words will break my heart

Robert Fulghum

"All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarden"

The Power of Words: For Life

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UpWard

Psalm 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm ^{9:2} I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

OutWard

^{16:24} Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

^{12:25} Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

The Power of Words: For Death

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InWard

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

OutWard

Prov 26:22 The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.

Prov 26:24 Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart

if you don't have anything nice to say...

if you don't have anything nice to say...

...take a look at your heart.

The Heart of Our Words

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Matthew 15:18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.

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.

Isaiah 6:1-7

...I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." The Redemption of The Word

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James really isn't concerned specifically about our words except as they reveal the deadly virus that causes deadly words. John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. Matthew 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

GOSPEL = GOOD NEWS What "words" do I hear?

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Luke 19:17a And he said to him, "Well done, good servant!"

Gospel Applied

<u>Listen</u>

What's in your spring? Your Heavenly Father is speaking an invitation of love, acceptance and approval.

Think

How do you speak to and about your friends and family?

How do you speak about those you disagree with?

What conversations happen in your head?

Speak

How can you speak hope into somebody today?

How can you hold your tongue when you really want to "correct"?