

Sermon Outline

James Series: Bonafide, Part 5: Rein in Your Tongue (3:1-12)

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Main Idea: Kevin Rogers leads us today to see that one of the marks of legit, bonafide, Christian faith is keeping a tight rein on our tongues.

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1. Warning to would-be teachers (v1-2)
2. Our speech is powerful (v3-5)
3. Our speech is destructive (v6-8)
4. Our speech is revealing (v9-12)

Key Text/Quotes:

"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." -James 3:6

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." -Eph. 4:29

*"A sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows [sharper] with constant use."
-Washington Irving*

"For those of us who've trusted in Jesus and received his forgiveness and the power of his Spirit, now we CAN follow the example of Jesus and harness the power of our speech for great good." -Kevin Rogers

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read James 3:1-12 and open in prayer.
2. Kevin helped us to understand that the average person will speak over 435 MILLION words over the course of their life. And that doesn't include our texts, tweets and emails. Discuss the importance of our words and why they are so important.
3. Discuss the illustrations James uses to help us to understand the importance of our words.
4. How do our words relate to our trials? As a result, how does James want us to respond as the people of God?
5. Close in prayer for one another.

