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## WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: Dwell, Know His Love, Take My Life, Always on Time, I Speak Jesus, Shout to the Lord

## WELCOME

Do you agree or disagree (and why) with this famous rhyme, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me..."?

## *READ IT!* WORD

### James 3:1-12

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. 3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. 4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. 5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. 8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. 11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

## *PARAPHRASE IT!*

Restate the verses in your own words.

## *TALK ABOUT IT!*

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about taming the tongue?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## *POINT IT OUT*

**INTRO:** Jude 1:4, Titus 1:16, Galatians 2:16, James 2:17, Matthew 7:20-21, John 17:3

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** (James 3:1-2, Matthew 12:36-37, Psalm 39:1, 141:3, Ephesians 4:29)

**POWER TO BUILD OR DESTROY** (James 3:3-6, Proverbs 16:24, 28, 18:21)

**PROBLEM OF THE HEART** (James 3:7-12, Matthew 12:33-34, Luke 6:45, Galatians 5:16, 19-22, Colossians 4:6, Psalm 19:14)

## **APPLY IT!**

### **WORKS**

Based on this lesson on "*REAL FAITH TAMES THE TONGUE*" write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

### **PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION**

Pray for the Lord to send His words of life to people around you through you. Make it a habit to read and meditate on God's word, so that what comes out of your mouth will build others up, drawing them to Christ. Proclaim the gospel through your words today.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS**

#### **I. Thanksgiving**

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### **II. Country and the World**

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- Pray for persecuted Christians in Sudan and Nigeria) --- many have been beheaded and murdered; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- PRAISE God that all the Israeli hostages have been restored to their families! Continue to pray that the last remaining dead hostage will be returned to his family for burial.
- For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory. For Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism. May this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For nations in turmoil (e.g., Ukraine, Iran, Syria, etc.) to experience true freedom in Christ and become centers for massive spiritual revivals in their regions. Killings of thousands of civilians by Islamist regime forces in Iran and Syria to be put to an end by God's mighty hand.

#### **III. Church**

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

#### **IV. CCF Facilities**

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

#### **V. Personal Concerns**

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### **James 3:2**

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.