

**SLOW DOWN**  
**Tongue Tied – Part 2 of 4**

**BOTTOM LINE:** Be **QUICK** to listen and **SLOW** to speak.

*“2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.” James 3:2-4*

**KEY OBSERVATION #1:** **SMALL** part equals **BIG** influence

*“5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 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. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil; full of deadly poison.” James 3:5-8*

**KEY REALIZATION:** Somebody needs to stand **GUARD** over our tongue.

*“9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in the God’s likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.” James 3:9-12*

**KEY OBSERVATION #2:** There is no once and for all **SOLUTION**.

**KEY TRUTHS:**

1. **REMEMBER** the power that you have.
2. **SURRENDER** your tongue to God.

*“Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So, use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God” Romans 6:13.*

3. **CONFESS** when you mess up.