



**DEEP
&
WIDE**



THE GOOD LIFE

UNIVERSAL WISDOM FROM
THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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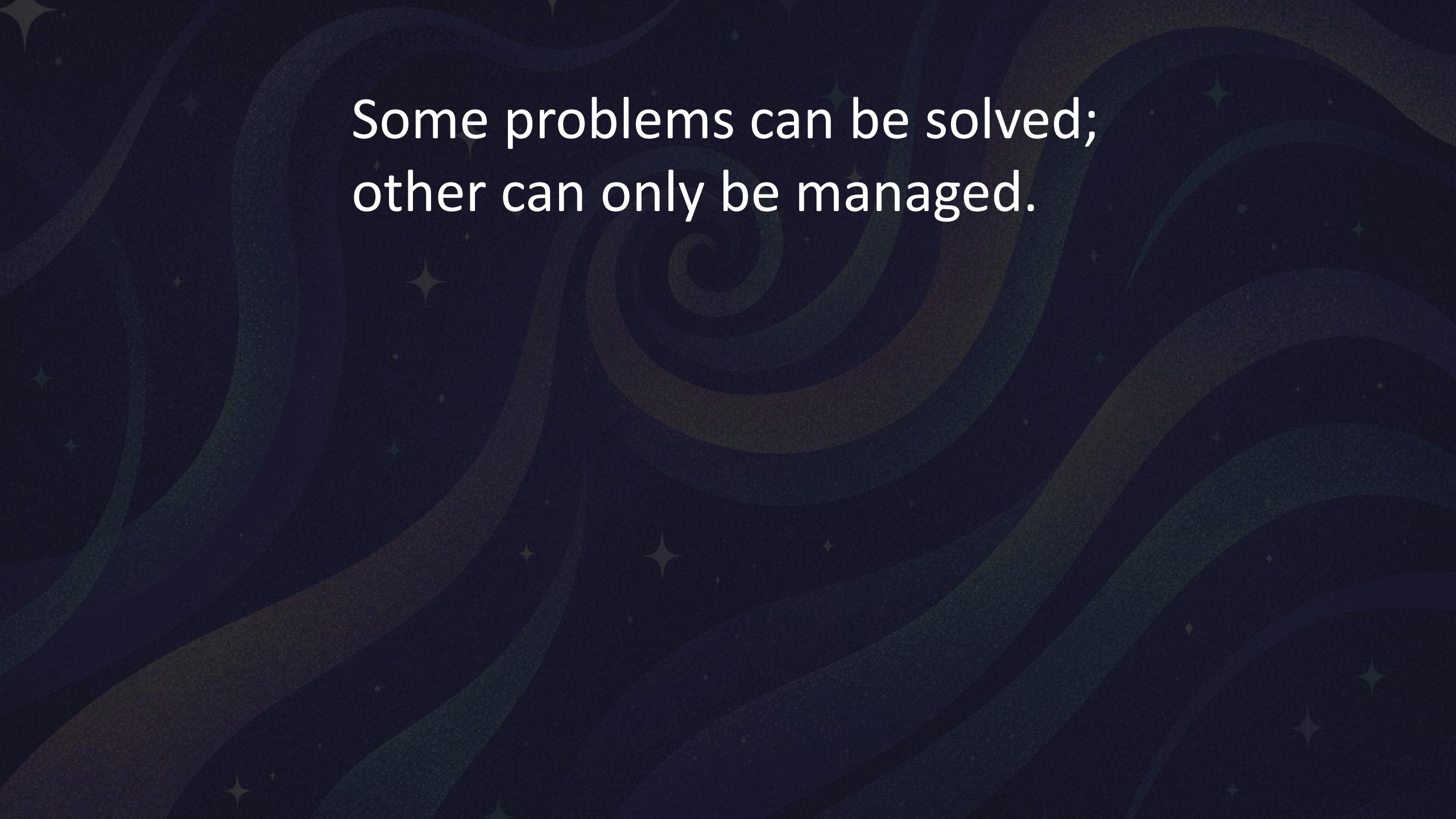
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Some problems can be solved;
other can only be managed.

James 3:3-5

- A small bit controls the whole horse
- A small rudder controls the whole ship
- A small spark burns down an entire forest

James 3:6-8 (ESV)

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.

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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.

WORDS HAVE POWER

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue....

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Proverbs 12:18 (ESV)

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

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Proverbs 18:19 (NLT)

An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.

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Proverbs 16:24 (ESV)

Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the
body.

SPEAK FEWER WORDS

Speak fewer words – especially in high emotion or conflict moments.

A WORD TO PARENTS

1. Don't match their energy.
2. Correct their tone without attacking their identity.
3. Refuse the power struggle.
4. Repair and still put in a boundary.

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Proverbs 10:19 (ICB)

If you talk a lot, you are sure to sin. If you are wise, you will keep quiet.

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Proverbs 15:28 (ESV)

The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

John 15:5

“Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”

A prayer for forgiveness

God, please forgive me for my rash, impulsive, and angry words that have hurt others. I am sorry for tearing others down rather than building them up. Forgive me.

A prayer to forgive

God, please help me to forgive those who have spoken mean and sinful words to me. Heal me from the pain of their words.

A prayer for restoration

God, give me the courage to apologize to those I have hurt with my words. By your grace, bring reconciliation.

A prayer for help

I need Your help, Jesus, to speak words that build up, not tear down. Give me self-control to bite my tongue, speak fewer words, and not speak rashly in moments of high emotion or conflict.

