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## Some problems can be solved; others can only be managed.

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It pollutes the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is set on fire by hell.

**James 3:6-8** 

<sup>7</sup> Every sea creature, reptile, bird, or animal is tamed and has been tamed by man, <sup>8</sup> but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

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# What if, <u>before we started talking</u>, we remembered the power of our words?

The mind of the righteous person thinks before answering, but the mouth of the wicked blurts out evil things.

Proverbs 15:28

19 An insulted person is harder to reach than a city with strong walls. Arguments separate people like the strong bars of a palace gate.

**Proverbs 18:19-21** 

<sup>20</sup> Your words can be as satisfying as fruit, as pleasing as the food that fills your stomach.

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<sup>21</sup> The tongue can speak words that bring life or death. Those who love to talk must be ready to accept what it brings.

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### What if we actually spoke more kind words (and fewer mean words)?

Pleasant words are a honeycomb: sweet to the taste and health to the body.

Proverbs 16:24

#### What if we just spoke...less?

When there are many words, sin is unavoidable, but the one who controls his lips is wise.

Proverbs 10:19

LORD, set up a guard for my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips.

**Psalm 141:3** 

#### What if...

- 1) we remembered the power of our words?
- 2) we actually spoke more kind words (and fewer mean words)?
- 3) we just spoke...less?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**Galatians 5:22-23** 

